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Records of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia
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LETTERS SENT BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE SUPERINDENTENT OF THE MINT, 1866-1900

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5-91 20 M

Incidence of the Month. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12, 13. 14. 15, 17. 18. 21. 22, 23. 24. 25, 25½. 26
27. 28. 29. 31. 32. 33. 35, 37. 38. 39. 41. 42. 44. 49. 52. 53.
54. 55. 56. 59. 60. 61. 63.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

Nov. 25 1896

Report of Examination and count of Uncurrent Silver coin received from Treas. U.S. Washington on Transfer order No. 30572

Halves	$8000.–
Quar.	31050
Dimes	10950
	$50000.–

Treasury U.S.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Nov. 25, 1876.

Report of Examination and count of Uncurrent Silver coin received from Asst. Treas. U.S. Baltimore on Transfer Order No. 30573

Halves $15784.-
Quarters [illegible]
$50000.-

John G. Jones
Weigh Clerk

Journal U.S.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Nov 25, 1896

Report of Examination and count of uncurrent Silver coin received from Asst. Treas. U.S. New York on Transfer Order No. [illegible]

Halves	$18000.–
Quarters	24000.–
20¢	100.–
Dimes	7800.–
Half Dimes	100.–
	$50000.–

John J. Dunn
Weigh clerk

Lawsi U.S.

F.D.S.

Nov. 30th, 6

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I will thank you to furnish me, at your earliest convenience, a few copies of Department Circular, No. 161. 1896. Division of S. P. & B. - relating to requisitions for printing and binding - also a sufficient quantity of requisition blanks to be used for that purpose -

Very respectfully.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office,

November 30, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I herein transmit statement of the Coiner for the month of November, 1896.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

November 30, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I herein send you a corrected statement of Minor Coin distributed by this Institution, through the States and Territories during fiscal year 1896.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

November 30, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith a list of the employes. Will you kindly compare the designations with those on your register, and where they differ have the corrections made and return list to me at your earliest convenience. It is necessary for me to have it in making up the cards for the Civil Service Commission.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

November 30, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 256 of $28,000 and two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 257 of $20,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

Nov. 30th 1896

Hon. R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint,
Washington - D.C.

Sir:

I beg to report the amount of Treasury Notes on hand at the close of business this day. to be nine thousand (9.000) dollars, received in exchange for Standard Silver Dollars - Act July 14th 1890

Very respectfully.

Superintendent.

Form No. 923.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

Nov. 30th 96

Director of the Mint.

Sir:

30th November 96

6.377.160.00

64.323.418.86

139.451.61

56.045.00

$70.896.075.47

Herman Kretz

Letter.
H. Harris, C. of the
Third N. B.,
Springfield, Mass.
30 Nov. 1896.
Enclosure draft for $1.000
for new half dollars.

MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
RECEIVED
DEC 1 1896

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
December 1, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded with draft No. 56475 drawn by the Third National Bank of Springfield, Mass., on the Fourth National Bank of New York for $1,000, duly endorsed, to the Treasurer of the U. S. and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office,

December 1st, 1896

Hon R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Sir

I will thank you to grant authority to purchase a small rolling top desk, in amount fifteen dollars ($15.00), for use in cashier office.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

U. S. MINT SERVICE.
Form No. 505.

F.M.T.

Mint of the United States,

Office of the Supt.

Philada Dec 1st, 1896

To the Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Sir,

To enable me to meet the expenditures for the month ending December 31st 1896, on account of the appropriations made for the support of this institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, it is requested that you cause a requisition to be made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the following amounts with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated Feby 10th 1896, viz.

Salaries,	$ 3.500.—
Wages of Workmen,	$ 20.000.—
Contingent Expenses,	$ 5.000.—
P & R Bullion do	3.000.
Storage Sil. Bullion not pr. Expense	$ 350.—
Coinage " " " "	$ 10.000.—
Total,	$ 41.850.—

Respectfully yours,

[signature]

Supt.

(Ed. 5-2-'95—1,200.)

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Dec. 2d 1896

Hon. R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I beg to request, that you will lay before the Committee on Appropriations, a modification of my Estimate of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1898 - viz:

Increase Estimate for Wages from $285.000 to $290.000 -

Decrease Estimate for Contingent Expenses from $65.000 to $55.000 -

Very respectfully
Herman Kretz
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

F.X.T.

Dec. 1st 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Sir.

I beg to inform you that Messrs. Glorieux & Woolsey-Irvington, N.J. in their communication of the 28th ulto, a copy of which is enclosed, decline the award of 164 bbls. Melter & Refiner's Sweeps, offered for sale on the 19th ulto. unless the 6 bbls. Coiner's Sweeps offered at the same time, be included.

The Balbach S & R. Co. to whom the 6 bbls Coiner's Sweeps were awarded have not, to the present date, declined to accept, and as that Company was the next highest bidder for the M & R's sweeps in question, I will, with your approval, award the same to them.

My letter of 24th ulto, gives in detail the bids for

both lots of samples.

Very respectfully.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office,

December 2, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 258 of $34,000; two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 259 of $24,000 and two (2) dimes from delivery No. 260 of $16,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 2, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please send the blue print of the rifle, and please state whether the rifle is intended to be struck with a flat back.

The drawing seems to indicate that the rifle is intended to be in the round, and if so is not calculated to be struck in dies, it could be cast or made up like a piece of jewelry; but would be very expensive.

The riders we make at the Mint for all other branches of the Government are struck in relief with a back ground and not in the round. The enclosed photographs will show what is meant by being struck in relief from dies, and not in the round.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Record
of
Coins Received for
Annual Assay,
Forwarded to the
Dr. of the St.
5 Dec. 1874.

MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA
DEC 3 1896

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

December 3, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded to the

Director of the Mint.

[signature]

Superintendent.

Letter.

J. D. Gromer,
Hanberry, Mo.
30 Nov. 1896.

Asks for "a Report of the D. of the M." Addressed to the D.

Postal card.

D. H. Blow,
Bergen, Minn.
27 Nov 1896.

Addressed to the Directory of the Mints.
"Send me your reports or any printed matter" &c.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 3, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We will not be able to strike the experimental minor coin pieces on Saturday; the day designated when I was in Washington, for the reason that we have not received any samples of pure nickel strips or blanks.

I have several times called the attention of the Manufacturer of that material; to the importance of having the pieces ready at convening of Congress.

I will advise you on what day we will strike the coins which will be as soon as possible after the receipt of the alloys.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

Mark E. Reese
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

December 3rd 1896

Sir

I will thank you for the instruction, namely, the purchasing of ice from the John Hancock Ice Co. from July 1st 1896 to August 31st 1896 at Seventeen and one half cents (17½¢) per one hundred pounds, and from the same company for ice from September 1st 1896 to December 31st 1896 at twenty eight cents (28¢) per one hundred pounds; also regarding instruction to purchase ice from the Commercial Ice Co at twenty eight cents (28¢) per one hundred from January 1st 1897 to June 30th 1897. the above as stated, covering the purchase of ice required for the current fiscal year.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 3, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 261 of $24,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 3, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I herein send you the Coiner's reports of Gold and Silver Workings, for the months of June, July, August, September and October, 1896.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 4, 1896.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 262 of $17,000 and two (2) dimes from delivery No. 264 of $12,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

25 1/2

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office.

December 4, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to our requisition for Stationery in June last, I beg to say the ten thousand Manilla Bags (3-1/2 X 6 in.) ordered, have not been received. We have your invoice saying "Will be sent as soon as received from Contractor." As our supply is almost exhausted I would thank you to ship same as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 5, 1896.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two half dollars from delivery No. 265 of $23,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

MINT of U.S.
PHILADELPHIA.

DEC 5 1896

Mint of the U. S.,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

December 5, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded to the Director of the Mint.

[signature]

Superintendent.

Letters:

Wm. Grauert,
Sucre, Bolivia.
27 Oct. 1896.

Asking for pro forma account for coining 500,000 gold coins each to represent 2 Bolivianos, 9/10 fine, and to weigh 1/3 grammes.

W. H. Flynn,
4 Neal Street,
Marlboro, Mass.

Addressed to the D. of the M.

Asking for the report of the Mint for the past year.

FKS

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

Dec. 5th, 1876

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that the Balbach S. & R. Co. Newark, N.J. in their communication of the 4th inst. a copy of which is enclosed, declines the award of 164. Bbls. Melting & Refining Sweeps offered for sale on the 19th ult.

Shall I award the sweeps in question to the next highest bidder, Messrs. Sulphen & Logan. Albany. N.Y. or invite new bids for the same?

Very respectfully

Superintendent.

Dec. 5th 6

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

As my stock of blank forms "Abstract of Disbursements" Form 53 U. S. Mint Service, is nearly exhausted, I will thank you to furnish me, at as early a date as possible, as many copies up to 200 as you can conveniently spare.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 7, 1896.

Superintendent of U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in partial compliance with instructions of the Director of the Mint under date of the 27th ultimo, I have this day sent you by the United States Express Co. dies for the calendar year 1897, as follows, viz:

Five (5)	pairs	Double Eagle,	Nos.	1 to 5	inclusive,	obv.	& rev.
Five (5)	"	Eagle	"	1 to 5	"	"	" "
Five (5)	"	Half Eagle	"	1 to 5	"	"	" "
Five (5)	"	Standard dollar	"	1 to 5	"	"	" "
Five (5)	"	Half dollar	"	1 to 5	"	"	" "
Five (5)	"	Quarter dollar	"	1 to 5	"	"	" "
Five (5)	"	Dime	"	1 to 5	"	"	" "

Please acknowledge receipt of them.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 7, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in partial compliance with your instructions of the 27th ultimo I have this day sent by the United States Express Co. to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, Cal., dies for the calendar year 1897 as follows, viz:

Five (5)	pairs	Double Eagle,	Nos.	1	to	5	inclusive, obv. & rev.
Five (5)	"	Eagle	"	1	to	5	" " " "
Five (5)	"	Half Eagle	"	1	to	5	" " " "
Five (5)	"	Standard Dollar	"	1	to	5	" " " "
Five (5)	"	Half Dollar	"	1	to	5	" " " "
Five (5)	"	Quarter "	"	1	to	5	" " " "
Five (5)	"	Dime	"	1	to	5	" " " "

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 7, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The enclosed order meets the approval of all the Operative Officers . It will enable us to make a few necessary repairs to machinery. I will thank you to approve same.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kuhn
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 8, 1896.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two quarter dollars from delivery No. 266 of $31,000 and two dimes from delivery No. 267 of $17,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
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DEC 9 1896

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
December 9, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded with draft No. 29098 drawn by The First National Bank of Ord, Nebraska, on the Chase National Bank of New York for $100., duly endorsed to the Treasurer of the United States, and writer so advised.

[illegible]
Superintendent.

Letter.
E. M. Williams,
C. of The F. N. B. of
Ord, Nebraska
5 Dec. 1896.
Asking for [illegible]
[illegible]

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 9, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 268 of $84,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.

December 9, 1856.

Respectfully forwarded to the

Director of the Mint.

Herman Kurtz

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 9, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of this date I beg to say that we will arrange to strike the experimental coins Friday, December 11th 1896.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kretz
Superintendent.

F.M.T.

Dec. 9th 1896

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington. D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to request, that you will cause to be [illegible] with as little delay as possible, [illegible] our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1 General Ledger
1 Expense Day Book
1 [illegible] Ledger
1 Ledger [illegible] A/c. (Gold Bullion)
Do Do Do (Silver Bullion)

Very respectfully
[illegible]

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
Superintendent's Office.

December 9, 1856.

The Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have received from Cashier of the Tremont National Bank of Boston, Mass., a letter stating that he ordered through you $1,000 in new half dollars and that I have sent him instead quarter dollars, and asks

" Can you send me another bag of 1/2s & transfer the qtrs to the Sub "r, and without expense of exchange?"

The transfer order L. T. No. 3468, but the books of the Mint do not show the kind of coin to be sent. 3468

Will you kindly inform me whether half or quarter dollars were ordered, and if mistake occurred can it be rectified in the manner desired by the Bank?

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 10th 1896

Hon. R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward you by today's mail, my Salaries, Wages of Workmen and Assistants, Incidental and Contingent, Refinery, and Coinage and Storage of Silver Bullion. Act 7/14/90. Expense Accounts for the Month of Nov. 1896. with Abstract Sheets and Vouchers pertaining thereto.

Authority for Edward C. Lee. Assist. to receipt for the Welsbach Commercial Co. is enclosed with Vouchers.

Very respectfully.

Superintendent.

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The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 10, 1896.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter eagles from delivery No. 48 of $16,075 and two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 269 of $42,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.
December 11, 1896.
Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letter.
E. B. Glover,
Harwell, Mich.,
9th Dec. 1896.
Asks for "your last report."

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 11, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 270 of $50,000 and two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 271 of $33,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
Superintendent's Office.

December 11, 1896.

The Public Printer,

Washington, D. C.:

Sir-

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant I beg to say that the proceeds of your deposit, $14.23 were sent you less registry stamp, or net $14.15.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 11, 1896.

The Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
Boston, Massachusetts:

Sir-

By an inadvertence $1,000 in new quarter dollars instead of the same amount in new half dollars were sent from this Mint on the 5th instant to the Tremont National Bank of your city.

Perhaps you could take them from the bank giving me the usual transfer and vouchers. I have notified it to turn the coin over to you or to the Agent of the United States Express Co. As it is new coin it might be desirable for you to have it for circulation in the holidays.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Dec 10th 1896.

Report of Examination and count of Uncurrent Silver Coin received from Asst. Treas. U.S. at New York on Transfer order No. 30672

Quarter Dollars $41000.—
Dimes 9000.—
$50000.—

Oliver J. Jones
Weigh clerk

Treas. U.S.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

December 14, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded with draft No. 381650 drawn by J. Milliken & Co., on the Hanover National Bank of New York for $1,000, duly endorsed, to the Treasurer of the United States, and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

Sales.
J. Milliken & Co.
Decatur, Ill.
11 Decr. 1896.

Asking for dollars 500
half " 200
gold " 250
dimes 50

to be sent to the
Phila. Exchange Bk,
Phila, Pa.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Dec. 14th, 1896

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 12th inst, recommending a disallowance of 10 cents in my Contingent Expense Account for November 1896. overpayment on Voucher No. 179. item Gingham, I beg to state that I have carefully examined the duplicate voucher in my possession, and can find no error in calculating the amount paid for the item in question.

The bill reads 5 pieces Gingham - 207½ yards - at - 4 27/100 cents - $8.86.

If the price on the orginal bill in the possession of the Department is not as here stated, I will thank you to have it made to conform thereto.

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and recommend the disallowance to be removed.

Very respectfully.

Leonard Kip

Superintendent.

Postal card:

Jasper Bliner,
Alexandria, Mo.
12 Dec. 1896.

Addressed to the Ld. of the M.
Asks for "a copy of
"your latest Annual
"Report."

Forwarded to the Ld. of the M.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 15, 1896.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two standard silver dollars from delivery No. 273 of $70,000 and two quarter dollars from delivery No. 274 of $14,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 14, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your several letters and the resolution passed by the House of Representatives May 19, 1896, authorizing the striking of experimental minor coin, giving the different alloys to be used, I beg to say that in the presence of Hon. C. W. Stone, Chairman of Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, the Director of the Mint, all of the Operative Officers and myself the experimental pieces were struck on Saturday December 12, 1896.

The enclosed Schedule gives the number of pieces transmitted for the use of the Honorable Committee, with such information and remarks as the limited number of pieces struck will permit.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 15, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I herein send you the envelope that contained the seven dollars and fifty cents, in mutilated gold. It was neither sealed nor registered when it reached here.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office,

December 16, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to return you by registered mail $7.26, proceeds of $7.50, in gold coin received from you this morning.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 16, 1896.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 275 of $50,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

December 16, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded with draft No. 118, drawn by the United States National Bank of Pittsburg, Pa. on the Third National Bank of this city for $500, duly endorsed and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

December 16, 1895.

Respectfully forwarded with certificate of duplicate deposit No. 223 by the First National Bank of Wilkinsburg, Penna. on the Tradesmen's National Bank of Pittsburg, Pa. for $1,000, to the Treasurer of the United States and writer so advised.

[signature]

Superintendent.

Letter
P. J. Pierce,
C. of F. N. B.,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Ackg for $500 new 1/2d.
" 500 " 1/2d.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 16th 1896

Hon R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

I will thank you to grant authority to purchase fifteen (15) thousand "Linen Shipping Tags" Eyeleted and printed at the rate of three dollars and sixty four cents ($3.64/100) per thousand, in amount fifty four dollars and sixty cents ($54.60/100).

Very Respectfully
Herman Kemp
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 16th, 1896

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to report that as suggested in your favor of the 11th inst, I again, on the 12th inst, invited bids from four different firms for the lot of 164 Melter & Refiner's sweeps originally offered for sale on the 19th ulto.

I enclose herewith for your action, bids received for the same - viz:

Balbach S & R. Co. Newark, N.J.	$7,512.56
Glorieux & Woolsey - Irvington, N.J.	7,400.00

Please return enclosed bids.

Very respectfully

[illegible]
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 16th, 1896.

Hon. D. N. Morgan.
Treasurer of the U. S.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the result of count of Uncurrent Silver Coin received from your office on L.C. 30695 - viz:

2 bags - 2 pieces each short	(1/4 dollars -)	$1.
2 " 1 piece " "	(1/4 ")	-50
	Total	$1.50

I enclose herewith the tags that were attached to the bags found short, and will credit you with the net amount $49.998.50 - and debit you with the shortage $1.50 in your Transcript of Bullion Fund Recoinage Account.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

MINT of U. S.
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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
December 17, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded with draft No. 265616 drawn by the First National Bank of Vincennes, Ind., on the National Park Bank of New York for $200, duly endorsed to the Treasurer of the United States, and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office

December 17, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 276 of $38,000 and two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 277 of $21,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 16, 1896.

Hon. Herman Kretz,

Superintendent.

Sir:

I have examined the coin submitted by Mr. Bockus, with his letter, in which he suggests inserting a wire across the face of our coins to prevent counterfeiting.

I cannot think this would be a remedy, as the dangerous counterfeit is not the cast piece, which is easily detected, but the struck coin good silver, and in that case the wire would offer no great difficulty to the counterfeiter, and therefore would be no preventative.

There are other views of this suggestion of Mr. Bockus.

While it is represented to be a simple process and may be, to do a small number of pieces, it is easily to be seen it would considerably complicate and certainly retard our operations; when required to be done in the vast amounts in which the Mint has to deal.

Another view suggested by the Assayer, in the case of recoinage we would have this foreign matter the wire, of whatever material of metal it might be, enter into the alloy when melted down, which might form a brittle metal, necessitating refining and parting, all of which would take time and consequently more expense and less product.

H. K. #2.

If we consider the appearance of our coinage I think all will admit that to run a streak of a different color across the face of Liberty cannot be done without greatly defacing the coin, and it would be impossible to regulate where the streak should core, one time it would happen in one part of the coin and another in another part.

It might largely help the counterfeiter to dispose of his coins as many might suppose a streak running across the coin to be infallible evidence of the genuineness of the coins.

I can therefore see nothing favorable in the suggestion.

Without entering into all the other objections I may say there are a number.

To demonstrate how easy it is for the counterfeiter to produce the same results, I have struck a small medal with a separate piece of metal of a different character across the one side, by simply laying a piece of iron wire on the planchet before striking the medal.

I submit the same for your inspection.

Very respectfully,

Engraver.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 31, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I herein send you two copies of the Regulations to Govern Examinations for Entrance into and Promotions in the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, with some few changes, having added Schedule F. Have also separated the higher positions from those of less importance.

Should these changes meet with your approval and that of the Commission I will thank you to have them signed and return one copy to me at your earliest convenience, as I wish to make up the cards.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

December 19, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herwith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 290 of $16,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Pa.,
December 19, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Herman Kretz
Superintendent.

Letter:
Fredk. H. Seymour
44 West Fort street,
17th Decr. 1896.
Addressed to the D. of the M.
Relating to alloys for
coinage.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

Dec 14th, 1896.

Report of Examination and count of Concurrent Silver Coin received from Asst. Treas. at New York ow. T.O. 30684

Half Dollars		$9000.–
Quar.	"	21000.–
	Dimes	19700.–
Half	"	300.–
		$50000.–

John J. Ives
Mayor Cert

From U.S.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
Superintendent's Office

December 21, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two standard silver dollars from delivery No. 281 of $38,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

December 21, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded with draft No. 30662 drawn by the Morrow Co. National Bank of Mt. Gilead, O., on the United States National Bank of New York for $1,000, duly endorsed, to the Treasurer of the United States, and writer so advised.

[signature]

Superintendent.

Letter:

Morrow Coy N. B.,
Mt. Gilead, O.
19th Decr. 1896.

Asking for "1000 in v c
[illegible]
500 v v dlls.
250 half "
250 qrts "

Enclosg dft on N. J. N. B. of N. Y. for $1,000 payable to order
[illegible]

[signature]

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 21st 1896

Hon. R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint,
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Treasury Check. No. 24865. for $304.80. being the value of Special Assay Coin forwarded from this Mint to your Bureau during the Quarter ended September 30th 1896.

Very respectfully.

Superintendent

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
December 21, 1896.
Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letters.

N. D. Thompson,
Kingsbridge, N. Y. C.
18 Dec. 1896.

James Ingle,
Hood River, Or.
11 Dec. 1896.

T. E. McKenna,
Rocky Mountain News,
Denver, Col.
15 Dec. 1896.

Alfred Ingle,
Hood River, Or.
14 Dec. 1896.

E. B. Glavy,
Harwell, Mich.
16 Dec. 1896.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 21, 1896.

This institution will resume operations Saturday December 26, 1896, and Saturday January 2, 1897.

Leave of absence will be granted to all employes who can be spared, providing the time is due them, with pay. To those whose leave is exhausted leave will be granted without pay.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 21, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith detailed estimates of the cost of coining one million dollars into double eagles, eagles and half-eagles and the cost of coining one million ounces of fine silver into standard silver dollars, half dollars, quarter dollars and dimes.

I also enclose estimate of the San Francisco Mint together with the letter of the Coiner of the New Orleans Mint which you left with me some time ago.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 22, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 282 of $48,000 and two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 283 of $9,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Mac R
Superintendent's Office,

December 22nd 1896

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

I beg to state that on the 3rd Instant I requested the instruction, to purchase ice from the John Hancock Ice co covering the delivery of ice from July 1st/96 to Dec 31st/96 at prices named in letter. also instruction to purchase ice from the Commercial Ice co from Jany 1st/97, to June 30/97 at the same price as now paid the "Hancock Company", namely, 28c per Hundred pounds, desiring to make an equal division of the time, and so that the Commercial Company may commence delivering on January 1st/97. an immediate reply is requested

Very Respectfully
Herman Kirk
Superintendent

Reports:

For month of November, 1896.

Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver.

Deposits and Purchases of Uncurrent Gold and Silver Coins of the U. S.

Gold and Silver of Domestic Production Deposited.

Gold and Silver Bars manufactured.

Forwarded to the D. of M.
22 December 1896.
G R J

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 23, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 284 of $64,000 and two (2) dimes from delivery No. 285 of $8,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

December 23, 1896.

Respectfully forwarded to the

Director of the Mint.

Herman Kuhn

Superintendent.

Letter.
Richard Winsor,
Seattle, Wash. 17 Dec. 1896.
Asks for Mint reports.
Addressed to the D. of the M.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 24, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 287 of $11,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Postal cards:

W. T. Hansbury,
Hood River, Or.
20 Decr. 1896.

J. R. Gallagan,
Hood River, Or.
"11/96."

A. King,
Hood River, Or.
"11/96."

J. H. Shoemaker,
Hood River, Or.
21 Decr. 1896

Addressed to the D. of the M.

Asking for Report of 1896.

Forwarded to the D. of the M. 28 Decr. 1896.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Engraver's Department.

28th Dec, 1896

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir -

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 288 of $68.000.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kuhn

SUPERINTENDENT.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 28th 1896

Hon. D. N. Morgan.
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington. D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you draw on me for the sum of eighty thousand (80,000) dollars lawful money - to reimburse yourself for a like amount of Bronze Coin heretofore transferred to this Mint for recoinage - Same received and issued.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent -

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Dec. 28th, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint,
Washington. D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to endose herewith sample sheet of Supplies Ledger revised as requested in your favor of the 16th inst.

The original copy is also endosed

Very respectfully,
[illegible]
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 29, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 289 of $60,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 29, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the books sent for use in the Cabinet of this institution, and to inform you that Johnson's Encyclopaedia would be very acceptable.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 29, 1896.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,
Engraver, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please deliver to the Coiner, Mr. W. E. Morgan, all the dies he will require for the year 1897.

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

RT

December 29th 6

Hon. R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your consideration, a copy of a letter dated this day received from Messrs. Sutphen & Morgan. Albany. N.Y. referring to 164 barrels Melts & Refinir Sweeps. offered for sale on the 19th ults. and 12 inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

December 30, 1896.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 252 of $75,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

December 30, 1896.

Respectfully returned.

On the 24th August last there was received here a letter dated the 20th August, 1896, Oklahoma, O. T., stating "We enclose you herewith one old 14 K. chain, weight 31½ pwts. for which please allow us all you can and send us currency for same.
(Signed) "The Model Drug & Jewelry Co."B"

On the 25th the Drug and Jewelry Co. was written as follows, viz:

"Sir-

Enclosed herewith please find $9.38 proceeds of "mutilated coin sent by you "on the 20th instant to the "Superintendent of this Mint.

"Yours respectfully,
"Herman Kretz
"Supt.
"per C. P. D.

Marked on the Company's letter of the 20th are the following:

" 9.53
.08
" 9.45 sent 8/25/96
C. P. D."

The actual proceeds were $9.38.

The deduction of the 8¢ evidently refers to cost of registry stamp. No registry receipt for the letter is on file and it was not registered.

On the 21st of September a letter dated the 18th was received from the Company stating that "on the 20th day of August last we sent you an old gold watch chain with instructions that you allow us what it is worth.

"We have not heard from the matter except from your receipt to P. O. for package, which was returned to(us) on 6th inst. Please let us hear from you."

This was answered by the Chief Clerk as follows:

"The Superintendent instructs me to say in answer to your letter of the 21st ultimo that on the 25th of August last the proceeds of your deposit, viz: $9.38, were sent you. The matter has been placed in the hands of the Post Office Authorities."

Besides the usual tracer which was sent out the Chief Clerk interviewed the Postal Inspector, Genl. Edgerton, about the matter without results.

Some days since as stated the Company drew a draft on me for the amount which I declined to pay, as the risk by mail was not mine but theirs.

The Messenger in charge of the matter will make up the loss to the Company.

Herman Kretz

Superintendent.

Dec. 29, 1896.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 30th 1896

D. K. Tuttle.
Melter & Refiner.

Sir:

You will please deliver to Joseph Wharton. Attorney for the Scovill Manufg Co. Waterbury - Conn - the Minor Coinage, Recoinage Metal in your hands at the close of business this day - Viz:

	Avd lbs.	Troy Ozs
Old Copper Cent Meltings	336	4.900 -
Bronze One & Two Cent - "	938	13.679.17
Nickel One Cent - "	2.780	40,541.67
Nickel Three Cent - "	400.	5,833.33
Nickel Five Cent - "	4.710 -	68.687.50
Total	9.164 -	133.641.67

which is to be re-worked and converted into Bronze One Cent, and Nickel Five Cent blanks. of legal weights - and returned to you, by the Scovill Manufg Co - pound for pound.

8. 842 Avd lbs. each of tin and zinc - and 481 867 Avd lbs. of pure nickel will be added to the old Copper Cent - and Nickel One Cent melting, respectively, to convert the same into Bronze One Cent, and Nickel Five Cent alloys.

The amount to be delivered you by the said Company after re-coining to be as follows.

	Avd lbs.	Troy Ozs.
Bronze One Cent Blanks.	1.291.684	18.837.07
Nickel Five Cent Blanks.	8.371.867	122.089.72
Total	9.663.551	140.926.79

Respectfully Yours.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 31, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that there will be no coinage at this institution to-morrow, December 31, 1896.

I herein send you the Coiner's Statement of Coinage for Calendar year ending December 31, 1896, Coiner's Report for the month of December, 1896, also Report of Gold Proof Coin, Silver Proof Coin, Fine Gold Medals, Fine Silver Medals, Copper Bronze Medals, and of Copper used in the Manufacture of Bronzed Medals during the Fourth Quarter, 1896.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 31, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have this day deposited with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States the sum of thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents ($13.25) proceeds of old material sold by me during the quarter ending this day.

No other old material has been sold by me during the period stated.

Statement:

October 17, 1896.	Received from sale of 200 bushels of oakwood ashes @ 5¢ per bushel,	$10.00
November 16, 1896.	From sale of 5 empty oil barrels @ 65¢ each,	3.25
	Total,	$13.25

I also forward herewith a schedule of assay for the same period.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Dec. 21 6

Report of examination and count of Uncurrent Silver Coin received from Treas. U.S. Washington on Transfer order No. 30695

Half Dollars	$14850.50
Quar. do	29148.50
Dimes	5499.50
	49998.50

Robert J. Jones
Weigh Clerk

Treas U.S.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 31, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I herein transmit corrected statement of the Coinage for the month of December, 1896.

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 31, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to return herewith by registered mail, the silver dollar sent here for examination and report.

It has evidently been in the fire and has the appearance of having been in acid. Probably someone has tried cleaning it with acid, it is about eight or nine thousandths too thin.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

United States Mint Service.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia,
31st December 1896.

To the Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have hereby deposited with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this city ($7,820.74) [illegible] the following Certificates of Deposit, the original certificates having been forwarded direct to the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with instructions of June 11, 1896, viz:

No. 9243, for $ 258.40, on account of Alloy charges
No. 4, for $ 7,487.09, on account of Parting and refining charges
No. 5, for $ 62.00, on account of Assay fees
No. 6, for $ 13.25, on account of sale of old material
No. , for $, on account of
No. , for $, on account of
No. , for $, on account of
No. , for $, on account of

for the quarter ended 31st December, 1896.

Respectfully yours,

Herman Kuhn

SUPERINTENDENT.

Form No. 225.

Mint of the United St...

Philadelphia,
December 31st 96

31st December 96

6,345,335.00

65,277,929.09
83,445.04
15,060.00

71,726,769.13

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

December 31st, 1896.

Hon. R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Sir.

I beg to report the amount of Treasury Notes on hand at the close of business this day to be Twenty thousand dollars received in exchange for Standard Silver dollars - Act. July 14th 1890.

Very respectfully.

Superintendent.

MINT OFFICE PHILADELPHIA, PA. JAN 2 1897

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

January 2, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letters:

C. F. Miller,
Hot Springs, Ark.
"12/28 96."
Asking about awards for arrest and conviction of counterfeiters.

The Ohio State University,
Columbus,
"Dec 31/96."
Asking for full set of Director's Reports, &c.

Postal cards:

P. Kirkyson,
Hood River, Or.
26 Dec. 1896.

N. L. Howe,
Hood River, Or.
"11/26."
Asking for Dir. Rep't for 1896.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 2nd 1867

Hon R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

I will thank you to grant authority to purchase from the Scovill Manufacturing Co, Waterbury Conn, Minor Coinage Metal, Alloy for Re-Coinage of Minor Coin

New Tin 8.842 Adv lbs @ 13¢ per pound $1.15
New Zinc 8.842 " " " 04¢ " " .35
Pure Nickel 481.864 " " " 4¢ " " [illegible]
[illegible]

Total

"Minor Coinage Metal"

Very Respectfully
Herman Kuhn

Mack

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 2nd, 1897

Hon R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

I will thank you to grant authority to purchase from the Scovill Manufacturing Co, Waterbury Conn, Minor Coinage Metal, Alloy for Re-Coinage of Minor coin [illegible],

New Tin	8.842	Adv lbs @	13¢ per pound	$1.15
New Zinc	8.842	" " "	04 " "	.35
Pure Nickel	481.867	" " "	4[illegible] " "	[illegible]
				[illegible]

Total

"Minor Coinage Metal purchase"

Very Respectfully
Herman Kuhn
Superintendent

U. S. Mint Service
Form No. 500.

The Mint of the United States

Office of the Supt

Phila Jany 2d 1897

To the Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

To enable me to meet the expenditures for the month ending Jany 31st 1897, on account of the appropriations made for the support of this institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, it is requested that you cause a requisition to be made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the following amounts, with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated Feby 10th 1896 to

Salaries,	$	3.500.–
Wages of Workmen,	$	20.000.–
Contingent Expenses,	$	5.000.–
Purchase of Refg Bullion "		3.000.–
Storage Silver Bullion Refg & Gold	$	350.–
Coinage " " " " "	$	10.000.–
Total,	$	41,850.–

Respectfully yours,

Herman Kuz
Supt.

(Ed. 5-5-95—1,000.)

Postal cards.
J. Kelly,
27 Dec. 1896.
J. Lenahey,
27 Dec. 1896.
P. Warren,
26 Dec. 1896.
All of Hood River Co.
Asking for Reports of
[illegible]

Forwarded to the D.
of the M.
4th Jany. 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 4, 1887.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 1 of $34,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 4th 1897

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report the amount of Special Assay Coins forwarded your Bureau during the Quarter ended December 31st 1896 - as follows:-

	Gold	Silver
October	$ ——	$ 33.20
November	185.-	24.20
December	5.-	34.80
Total	$ 190.-	$ 92.20

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 5, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that yesterday the 4th instant in compliance with the Revised Statutes of the United States, Section 3550, the working dies of this Mint for the year 1896, as described in the enclosed statements of Mr. Jacob B. Eckfeldt, Assayer, and Mr. A. B. Hoover, my representative, were defaced and destroyed by the Coiner, Mr. W. E. Morgan, by heating the dies to a high degree, placing them on an anvil, and striking the face with a heavy hammer.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Coining Dies of 1896 Destroyed Jan. 4. 1897. in U.S. Mint. Philadelphia

	Standard		Proof	
	Ob.	Rz.	Ob.	Rz.
Double Eagles	21	11		
Eagles	2	1	1	1
Half Eagles	1	1	1	1
Quarter Eagles	2	2	1	1
Standard Dollars	48	48	4	2
Do Half Do.	10	6		
Do Quarter Do.	29	24		
Do Dimes	18	16	1	1
Five cent Nickel	56	65		
One cent Bronze	132	132		
	320	307	13	11

Herman Kretz Superintendent

In accordance with instructions as your representative I witnessed the destruction of the Philadelphia mint dies made for the year 1896 as Enumerated on list furnished by William Embrey who represented the assayer and in presence of Henry Disser who represented the Coiner. The process of destruction was by hammering them after heating same in Blacksmith Shop. Entirely defacing the Engravings.

Total number of Coining dies destroyed 627
" " " Proof " 24
Total 651

Very Respectfully yours C. B. Atwood

January 5, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 2 of $54,000.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kuhz

Superintendent.

Record

of

Coins Reserved for Annual Assay, etc.

for

June 1896 (duplicate)

December 1896, and

Calendar Year 1896.

Forwarded to the Director of the Mint,

5th Jany. 1897.

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MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
RECEIVED
JAN 6 1897

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

January 6, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letter.

J. L. Marks,

Racine, Wis.

4 Jany. 1897.

Asks for copy of

latest Mint report

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 6, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 3 of $82,000 and two (2) dimes from delivery No. 4 of $2,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 7, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 6 of $10,000.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

Postal cards.

W. J. Campbell,
2 Janu. 1897.
Head River, Dre.

F. R. Wheeler,
6th Janu. 1897.
Providence, R. I.

Asking for Report of
Director of the Mint.
Both addressed to the
Director, and forwarded
to him 8th Janu. 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's office.

January 8, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 8 of $6,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

F.N.T

January 8th, 1897.

Hon R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by to-days mail, My Salaries, Wages of Workmen and Adjusters, Incidental and Contingent, Refinery, Coinage of Silver Bullion and Storage of Silver Bullion, Act July 14th. 1890, Expense Accounts, for the Month of December, 1896, with Abstract Sheets and Vouchers pertaining thereto.

Authority for Wm. R. McIlvain, Treasurer to receipt for Morris Tasker & Co, Incorp. and John Turner Secretary & Treasurer for Heirs, Turner Mars Co, are also enclosed with the Vouchers.

Very respectfully.

Superintendent.

Postal card.
T. E. Wickens,
2 Jany 1897.
Hood River, O.
Addressed to the D. of M.
Asks for "Mint Report."

Forwarded 11 Jany. 1897
to the D. of the M.

Mint L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 11th 1897

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C

Sir

I will thank you to grant authority to purchase One (1) Soap Stone tank to be used as acid bath in the whitening room (Coining Department) the expense not to exceed twenty nine dollars and fifty cents ($29.50)

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 11, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 10 of $50,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 11, 1897.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent of the Mint of the United States,
New Orleans, Louisana:

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the several dies as specified in your letter of the 4th instant. The following are in good condition and can be used at some future time:

Half dollars, reverse Nos. 16, 19, 21.
Quarter dollars, " Nos. 28, 29, 30.
Dimes, " Nos. 32, 33.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 11, 1897.

Acting Superintendent,
Mint of the United States,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant received this morning I beg to inform you that no gold or silver from the State of Nevada was deposited in this Mint during the calendar year 1896.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 11, 1897.

J. W. Robinson, Esq.,
Acting Assayer-in-Charge,
Assay Officer of the United States,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 29th ultimo received on the 4th instant I beg to inform you that during the calendar year 1896, there were deposited in this Mint, the product of the State of Idaho, not received from your office:

Gold, fine ounces, 65.915.
Silver, " " 13.59,

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

January 12, 1897.

Sir;

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 11 of $124,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 12, 1897.

The Assayer-in-Charge,
Assay Office of the United States,
Charlotte, North Carolina:

Sir:

In compliance with request of the Director of the Mint under date of the 10th ultimo I herein enclose you the information therein mentioned, namely, statistics of the production of the States of the Appalachian Range deposited in this Mint during the calendar year 1896.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 12, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request (B. F. B.) of the 10th ultimo I beg to inform you that I have this day sent to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C., the information therein mentioned.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States, Philadelphia
Superintendent's Office.

January 12, 1897.

E. P. Leech, Esq.,
Acting Assayer-in-Charge,
Mint of the United States,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 28th ultimo received on the 2nd instant I beg to enclose you herewith a statement in fine ounces of the gold and silver bullion of "Colorado production, excepting that shipped from this (your) institution" treated by this Mint during the calendar year 1896.

It is not possible to name the County or locality from which the bullion was received, but no doubt from the depositors whose names are mentioned you can readily in most cases ascertain.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 12, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with law and regulations I beg to inform you that this day forty-seven (47) dies for the calendar year 1896, received from the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, were destroyed by fire, anvil, and hammer, as follows, viz:

	Reverse.
Standard silver dollars,	30
Half dollars,	7
Quarter dollars,	7
Dimes,	3
Total destroyed,	47

Please note enclosed statements by my representative, Mr. A. B. Hoover, and the Assayer, Mr. J. B. Eckfeldt, respectively.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 12th, 1897.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer-in-Charge,
Assay Office of the United States,
Helena, Montana:

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 31st ultimo received on the 5th instant I beg to enclose you herewith a statement of gold and silver bullion in standard ounces of the production of Montana, Oregon and Washington, aside from the amounts sent to this Mint from your office, deposited here during the calendar year 1896.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 12, 1897.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt from you this day of the dies as noted in your letter of the 4th instant.

The following named reverse dies are reserved for future use, viz:

Double Eagle No. 4.

Half Eagle No. 5.

Standard Silver dollars, Nos. 77, 78, 79, 80, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.

Half Dollars, Nos. 10 14.

Quarter dollars, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Dimes, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 13, 14.

Total 31 dies.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office

January 12, 1857.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to return herewith letter of Young Brothers in regard to counterfeiting and enclose report on same by the Engraver.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

MINT OF U.S.
PHILADELPHIA.
RECEIVED
JAN 13 1897

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

January 13, 1897.

Respectfully referred to

the Assistant Treasurer of

the United States with en-

closed draft No. 51063

drawn by the Commercial

Bank of Tidioute, Pa. on

the Seaboard National Bank

of New York for $500, and

letter of advices.

Superintendent.

Letter:
E. C. Hoag,
Cashr. of the
Commercial Bank,
Tidioute, Penna.
11th Jany. 1897.

Advs for quarter
dollars and dimes,
and encloses draft
for $500.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 13, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) standard silver dollars from delivery No. 12 of $70,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 13, 1897.

W. D. Bigler, Esq.,
Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday the 12th instant I beg to say that the three five cent pieces therein enclosed, and herewith returned, are found on examination to be genuine. They are slightly smaller than those now struck.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 13, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 11th instant I return herein, letter of Chas. S. Platt, and enclose Colner's statement of the cost of striking pieces for the Dominican Republic.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

July 13, 1897

Mr. Hon R. E. Preston
Washington
D. C.

Sir-

Enclosed herewith please find
$2.42 proceeds of Gold coin
sent by you on the 12th inst —
to the Superintendent of this Mint.
Kiss the registration stamp
Yours respectfully,

Herman Kretz
Superintendent.
per Clerk.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 13, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in partial compliance with your instructions of the 8th instant I have this day sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, by the United States Express Co. dies for the current calendar year as follows, viz:

Five (5) pairs standard silver dollar 16 to 20 inclusive, obverse and reverse.

Five (5) pairs half-dollar, obverse, 9 to 13 inclusive, reverse 12 to 16 inclusive.

Five (5) pairs quarter dollar, obverse 12 to 16 inclusive, reverse 11 to 15 inclusive.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 13, 1897.

Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S.,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in partial compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 8th instant I have this day sent you by United States Express Company dies for the current calendar year as follows, viz:

Five (5) pairs standard silver dollar 16 to 30 inclusive, obverse and reverse.

Five (5) pairs half dollar, obverse 9 to 13 inclusive, reverse 12 to 16 inclusive.

Five (5) pairs quarter dollar, obverse 12 to 16 inclusive, reverse 11 to 15 inclusive.

Please acknowledge receipt of them.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Postal card:
E. L. Road,
"1/8-97"
Hood River, O.
Addressed to the
D. of the M.
Asks for "the
Mint Book."

Forwarded to the
D. of the Mint,
14th Jany. 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 14, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have received from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, dies for the calendar year 1896 as follows, viz:

	Obverse.	Reverse.
Double Eagles,	6	6
Eagles,	3	3
Half-Eagles,	3	3
Standard dollars,	40	40
Half-dollars,	12	12
Quarter-dollars,	10	10
Dimes,	10	10
Total received,	84	84

The obverse of dies were received in a damaged state having been destroyed at that Mint.

Of the reverse dies as appears from report of the Engraver, as stated in my letter of the 12th, the following are reserved for future use, viz:

Double Eagle No. 4.
Half-Eagle, No. 3.
Standard silver dollars, Nos. 77,78,79,80,107,108,109,110, 111,112,113,114,115,116.
Half-dollars, Nos. 10, 14.
Quarter-dollars, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.
Dimes, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 13, 14.

(Total thirty-one dies.)

R. E. P. No. 2.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Reverse dies were destroyed yesterday as follows, viz:

Double eagles,	5
Eagles,	3
Half-eagles,	2
Standard silver dollars,	26
Half-dollars,	10
Quarter-dollars,	2
Dimes,	5
Total destroyed,	53
which with	31
retained as stated make	84, the number of

reverse dies received.

They were heated in a forge, placed on an anvil and struck on the face with a heavy hammer, completely defacing them and rendering worthless.

Your attention is invited to the enclosed statements by the Assayer and Mr. A. B. Hoover, representing me.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 13, 1897.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,

Supt. Mint of the United States.

Sir:

In compliance with your instructions I beg to inform you that of the dies for the calendar year 1896, received from the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, the following described, viz:

	Reverse.
Double Eagle,	5
Eagles,	3
Half-eagles,	2
Standard silver dollars,	26
Half-dollars	10
Quarter-dollars,	2
Dimes,	5
Total destroyed,	53

were this day destroyed by the Coiner, by heating in a forge, placed on an anvil, and beaten on the face by a heavy hammer, in my presence.

Very respectfully,

A. Patterson

Representing Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 18, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed requisition for stationery and samples of blank forms required for the use of this Mint, during the six months ending June 30, 1897. In accordance with circular dated October 31, 1896.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

MINT OF U.S.
PHILADELPHIA.
JAN 15 1897

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
January 15, 1897.
Respectfully forwarded to
the Director of the Mint.

[signature]

Superintendent.

Letter:
John A. Pachler,
457 Willis Ave.
New York.
15 Jany 1897
Asks for "a copy of your (Supt's) annual report."

Forwarded to the D. of the Mint,
15 Jany 1897.

Postal cards:
J. W. Heavner,
"1/9 97"
Hood River, Ore.
W. J. Gubble,
No date,
Mt. Hood, Ore.
D. Fredenburg,
"1-8-97"
Mount Hood, Ore.
L. Nealeigh,
Hood River, Ore.
8 Jany. 1897.

Asking for the Directors Report.
Forwarded to the D. of the Mint
15th Jany. 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Jany 15th 1897

Hon R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request authority to purchase from the Scovill Manfg. Company, under the Contract now in force with them, Twenty Thousand (20,000) pounds Nickel Five Cent Blanks, to be used so far as is necessary in the recoinage into Nickel Five Cent Coin, of the balance of Nickel Mixed Coinage recoinage metal now on hand.

This will be all that is necessary to purchase of Nickel Five Cent blanks during the current Fiscal Year, and possibly all that will be required for the Current Calendar Year.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 15, 1897.

The Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S.,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in further compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 27th of November last I have this day sent you by the United States Express Company dies as follows, viz:

Three	(3)	pairs	Double Eagle Nos. obverse & reverse,	11,12,13.
Five	(5)	"	Standard Dollars, " " "	21,22,23,24,25.
Seven	(7)	"	Half-dollars Nos. obverse,	14,15,16,17,18,19,20.
		" "	Nos. reverse	17,18,19,20,21,22,23.
Five	(5)	"	Quarter " Nos. obverse,	17,18,19,20,21.
		" "	Nos. reverse,	16,17,18,19,20
Five	(5)	"	Dime " Nos. obverse,	12,13,14,15,16.
		"	Nos. reverse,	13,14,15,16,17.

Please acknowledge receipt of them.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 15, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in further compliance with your instructions under date of the 27th of November last I have this day sent by the United States Express Co. to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco dies as follows, viz:

Three (3) pairs Double Eagle Nos. obverse & reverse, 11, 12, 13.
Five (5) " Standard Dollars, " " " 21,22, 23,24,25.
Seven (7) " Half-dollars Nos. obverse, 14,15,16,17,18,19,20.
" " Nos. reverse, 17,18,19,20,21,22,23.
Five (5) " Quarter " Nos. obverse, 17,18,19,20,21.
" " Nos. reverse, 16,17,18,19,20.
Five (5) " Dime " Nos. obverse, 12,13,14,15,16.
" Nos. reverse, 13,14,15,16,17.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

June 15th 7

Report of Examination under court of
Uncurrent Silver coin received from Asst
Treas. U.S. at New York on Trans order No. 30138

Quarter Dollars $35000.—

Dimes 15000.—

$50000.—

Thos J. Evans

Mayt Clerk

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

January 16, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 1 of $286,900.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

MINT OF THE U.S.A.
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
JAN 16

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

January 16, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letters:

Olive Jones,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, O.
14 Jany. 1897.
Asks for files of International Monetary Conference.

F. H. Golden,
Evansville, Penna.
14 Jany. 1897.
Asks for "amt of gold in circulation," &c, &c.

Both addressed to the D. of the Mt.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 16, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 2 of $270,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 18th, 1899.

Hon R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

Enclosed please find letter of Dr D. K. Tuttle Melter & Refiner explaining in detail as to the employment of Chas. S. Solomon Co Incorporated, re-installing the larger sized on crusher in sweep grinding room, also enclosed find duplicate itemized bills for material and labor furnished, in amount One Hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty seven cents ($122 57/100). I will thank you to grant authority for the employment and payment of the expense incurred as mentioned.

Very Respectfully
Hermann Kay
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 16, 1897.

Jos. Herman Kretz,
Superintendent,

Sir:-

In explanation of the bill of Solomon & Co. for setting up Crusher in Sweep Cellar, I have to say that the work was done during my absence from the Mint owing to the illness and death of a member of my family, and a subsequent vacation of three weeks.

The facts which led up to the incurring this bill are briefly as follows, on March 31st last a requisition was made by this Department and approved by yourself and the Director of the Mint for a #00 Gates Crusher. This was furnished by Solomon & Co. and when set up was found to be entirely too small. On July 16th I made request that the agents offer to take the small machine off our hands at cost and replace it with the next larger size, net price $400. be accepted. This request was granted and in August the larger machine was delivered at the Mint. Supposing that only slight changes would be required, I remember saying to the Agent that I hoped that he would see that it was properly set. It was found however in my absence that a new place had to be selected and the counter shaft and pulleys were found too light. A new foundation was necessary.

The Agent seems not familiar with Mint practice and he did this work without having a written order in hand. I know nothing

H. K. No. 2

of these facts until the bill was presented on December 5th. The work was well done and I believe in good faith. In equity I think the bill should be paid.

Very respectfully,

Melter & Reriner.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

January 18, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have this day sent you by United States Express, two sets of cards with the names of the employes of this institution, each department arranged alphabetically according to their schedule.

Will you kindly send one set to the Civil Service Commission?

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

January 19, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 3 of $266,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 19, 1897.

Hon. D. M. Morgan,
Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter (S. I. B.) of yesterday the 18th instant, a copy of a letter dated "1-11-1896," from John B. Beutler, now or late postmaster at Wapakoneta, O., and of fifty-one cents ($0.51) refunded by him, being the proceeds of a trade dollar sent by you to this Mint for the official named on the 20th November, 1895, and the subject of some correspondence heretofore.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

January 20, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 4 of $375,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 20, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in compliance with your instructions of the 14th instant I have this day sent by the United States Express Co. to the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at New Orleans dies as follows, viz:

Five (5) pairs Dime dies Nos. Obv. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.
" " " " " " Rev. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 20, 1897.

Superintendent of U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, Louisana.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 14th instant I have this day sent you by the United States Express Co. dies as follows, viz:

Five (5) pairs Dime dies Nos. Obv. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.
" " " " " " Rev. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

Please acknowledge receipt of them.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 21, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

As I am informed that a supplement to the U. S. Revised Statutes up to and including 1891, and a new Supplement, pamphlet form, have been published I would be much obliged for a copy of them, respectively.

Should they not be issued by the Government they can be bought for $4 and perhaps cost of carriage.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.

January 21, 1897.

Respectfully referred with pieces of Treasury Note No. E 32833451 to the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. in Chicago for redemption and writer so advised.

Henry Kratzner

Superintendent.

Letter.
Henry Kratzner,
2038 W. Lake St.
Chicago, Ill.
Encloses pieces of $1 Tray
note No. E 32833451
See M.L. B. No. 57, p. 414.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 22, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I will thank you to authorize me to ship by express ten (10) silver ingots, to the Scovill Manufacturing Co. at Waterbury, Connecticut, for the purpose of having them rolled into strips in the presence of the Coiner and myself and to be returned to this institution after the test in rolling is made.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter.
H. A. Perry,
19 Jany. 1897.
Delabolt, Iowa.
Addressed to the
Director.
Asks for a copy
of annual report
for 1896.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.
January 23, 1897.
Respectfully forwarded to
the Director of the Mint.
Geo. E. Roberts
Acting Superintendent.

Reports for Decr. 1896.
Gold and Silver domestic
production deposited.
Deposits and purchases of
uncurrent gold and silver
coins of the United States.
Deposits and purchases of gold
and silver.
Gold and silver bars manufactd.

Forwarded to the D. J.
this 23 Jany. 1897.

Letter:
J. P. Mailler,
Asst. Secy of The Bowery Savings' Bank, N. Y.
23 Jany. 1897.

Asks for $2,500 in fractional silver.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
January 26, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded with enclosed check No. 1470 drawn by the Bowery Savings Bank on the National Butchers and Drovers' Bank, both of New York, for $2,500, to the Tsr of the Utd Sts and writer so advised.

Herman Kuhn
Superintendent.

Postal card.
J. W. Lowenberg,
Red Sulphur Springs,
W. Va.
22 Jany. 1897.
Asks for "Report of the Gold & Silver Mines," &c.

Addressed to the Sd. of the M. and forwarded to him on the 25th Jany 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 25, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

If we are to continue coining gold it would be well to have the bullion transferred from New York, and in the hands of the Melter and Refiner before the Assay Commission meets, the cost of transferring to be paid from your appropriation.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

January 28, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith corrected Record for April and May 1896, of Coins received for annual assay. The error in the former returns occurred in stating the fractional currency in dollars instead of the number of pieces.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 25, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 8 of $345,000,

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

January 25, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 9 of $100,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 26, 1897.

Hon. E. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that the letter authorizing the shipment of the ingots to the Scovill Manufacturing Co. has not yet reached this office. Will you kindly send me duplicate?

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 27, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 10 of $270,000 and two (2) dimes from delivery No. 15 of $800.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 28, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter eagles from delivery No. 12 of $1,420 and two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 16 of $6,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 28, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir-

I beg to inform you that in completion of your instructions of the 8th instant I have this day sent by the United States Express Co. to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans dies as follows; viz:

Five (5) pairs	standard dollar,	Nos.	obv. & rev.	26 to 30	inclusive
Five " "	half	"	" obv.	21 to 25	"
	"	"	" rev.	24 to 28	"
Five " "	quarter	"	" obv.	22 to 26	"
	"	"	" rev.	21 to 25	"

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 28, 1897.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in completion of instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 8th instant I have this day sent you by the United States Co. dies as follows, viz:

Five	(5)	pairs	standard dollar,	Nos.	obv. & rev.	26 to 30 inclusive
Five	"	"	half	"	" obv.	21 to 25 "
			"	"	" rev.	24 to 28 "
Five	"	"	quarter	"	" obv.	22 to 26 "
			"	"	" rev.	21 to 25 "

Please acknowledge receipt of them.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

Jany 28th 1877

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith Certificate of Authority for J. Ridgway Reilly, President, to receipt for General Equipment & Engineering Company.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 29, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 17 of $3,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 29, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 18th instant I beg leave to inform you that it will cost to prepare the blanks ready for striking one million dollars in ten Colones gold coins, two thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars. ($2,650.)

Melter & Refiner's estimate for making ingots,	$150.00
Coiner's estimate for work in his department,	2,500.00
Total,	$2,650.00

To make the above blanks it would require 50,250 ounces of Standard Gold, the wastage would be about 75 ozs.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kuntz
Superintendent.

F.K.T.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

January 29th 1897.

Hon R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward you by U.S. Express Company, this day, a box containing the Bullion Accounts of this Mint, with Abstract Sheets and Vouchers pertaining thereto, for Second Quarter Fiscal Year 1897.

Very respectfully,
Superintendent.

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Postal card:

W. H. Tuthill,
315 Clinton St.,
Chicago.
27 Jany. 1897

Addressed to the
D. of the M.
for report for 1896.

Forwarded to the
M.
29 Jany. 1897.

MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
JAN 30 1897

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.

January 30, 1897.

ectfully forwarded to the

ctor of the Mint.

[illegible]

Acting Superintendent.

Letters:

Wm. L. Lyons,
Meriden, Conn.
29 Jany. 1897.

Asks about "a book of the History and Valuation of all money."

Fredk. I. Burrows,
Greencastle, Ind.
27 Jany. 1897.

Asks for "your report for 1896."

Forwarded to the Dt. of the M., 30 Jany. 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

January 30, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed the Coiner's statement for the month of January 1897.

Very respectfully,

George R. Snowden
Acting Superintendent.

[illegible] Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

January 30, 1897.

Sir;

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 18 of $5,000.

Very respectfully,

George R. Snowden

Acting Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office,

January 30th 1891

Hon. A. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I beg to report the amount of Treasury Notes on hand at the close of business this day to be Three thousand (3000.-) Dollars received in exchange for Standard Silver Dollars act July 14th. 1890.

Very Respectfully
George R. Snowden
Actg Superintendent

Form No. 225.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia,
January 30 97

30th January 97

11.181.860.00

65.992.655.77
120.100.19
48.160.00

$77.342.775.96

George B. Crowden
Actg

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

February 1, 1897.

The Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to enclose you for endorsement by you to me a draft No. 16169 drawn by the First National Bank of Pendleton, Oregon, on the Chemical National Bank of New York for $160 payable to your order. It is sent me for the purchase of that sum in five cent pieces. I would return it to the bank but so much time would be lost that it seems preferable to forward it to you for the purpose stated.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
February 1, 1897.
Respectfully forwarded
to the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letter.
G. M. Flora.
E. Jaffrey, N. H.
28 Jany. 1897.
Relates to prevention of counterfeits.
Addressed to the D. of the M.

Postal card.
George W. Rice.
29 Jany. 1897.
Columbus, O.
Asks for "last annual report."

John H. Gillespie,
Boston, Mass.
1 Feb. 1897.
Asks for a copy of coinage production of the United States for 1896.

Record
of
Coins Reserved
for Annual Assay,
etc.

Forwarded to the
Director of the
Mint
1 Feby 1871

Mack

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Superintendent's Office,

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

February 1st, 1897.

Sir

Enclosed please find receipted bill in duplicate in amount Seven dollars and fifty cents ($7.50) in favor of Mess. Henry, Carey, Baird & Co. Subscription for scientific publications received by the Melter & Refiner from July 4th/96 to Dec 31/96 the preceding Six (6) Months of the same Calendar year, was paid from the Contingent expense appropriation of your office. The Subscription for the ensuing Six (6) Months commencing January 1st 1897 to June 30th 1897 for the following publications - namely.

Chemical News	(London)	$3.00
Journal of Chemical Industry	(")	5.00
Engineering and Mining Journal	(Newfoundland)	2.50

Upon requisition by the Melter and Refiner and [illegible] approved. [illegible] be paid from the Incidental & Contingent Expense Appr. [illegible]

Very Respectfully
Herman Kuhn

U. S. MINT SERVICE.
Form No. 565.

F.W.T.

Mint of the United States,

Office of the Supt.

February 1st, 1897.

To the Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

To enable me to meet the expenditures for the month ending Feby 28th, 1897, on account of the appropriations made for the support of this institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, it is requested that you cause a requisition to be made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the following amounts, with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated Feby 10th, 1896, viz:

Salaries,	$ 3,500.—
Wages of Workmen,	$ 25,000.—
Contingent Expenses,	$ 8,000.—
Parting & Refg Bullion Gp	$ 3,000.—
Coinage Silver Bullion Gp 90 "	1,000.—
Storage Silver Bullion Gp 90 "	$ 350.—
Total,	$ 40,850.—

Respectfully yours,

Hermann Kuhn
Supt.

(M. 3-2-'95—1,000.)

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 2, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two double eagles from delivery No. 15 of $547,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 1, 1897.

Mr. Jacob B. Eckfeldt,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to examine schedule and mark all supplies enumerated, that are used in your department and can safely be contracted for and any supplies that you may require outside of the schedule, or in any special way, will you please enumerate and report in writing at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 1, 1897.

Dr. D. K. Tuttle,
Melter & Refiner U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to examine schedule and mark all supplies enumerated, that are used in your department and can safely be contracted for, and any supplies that you may require outside of the schedule, or in any special way, will you please enumerate and report in writing at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 1, 1897.

Mr. Wm. E. Morgan,
Coiner, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to examine schedule and mark all supplies enumerated, that are used in your department and can safely be contracted for, and any supplies that you may require outside of the schedule, or in any special way, will you please enumerate and report in writing at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 1, 1897.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,
Engraver, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to examine schedule and mark all supplies enumerated, that are used in your department and can safely be contracted for, and any supplies that you may require outside of the schedule, or in any special way, will you please enumerate and report in writing at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 1, 1897.

Mr. Wm. F. Ramsey,

Assistant Custodian.

Sir:

I will thank you to examine schedule and mark all supplies enumerated, that are used in your department and can safely be contracted for, and any supplies that you may require outside of the schedule, or in any special way, will you please enumerate and report in writing at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 1, 1897.

Mr. Wm. A. O'Brien,
Store-keeper.

Sir:

I will thank you to examine schedule and mark all supplies enumerated that are used in your department and can safely be contracted for, and any supplies that you may require outside of the schedule, or in any special way, will you please enumerate and report in writing at your earliest convenience.

very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

February 1, 1897.

Mr. Sebastian Heim,
Carpenter.

Sir:

I will thank you to examine schedule and mark all supplies enumerated that are used in your department and can safely be contracted for, and any supplies that you may require outside of the schedule, or in any special way, will you please enumerate and report in writing at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 1, 1897.

Mr. Martin M. Comber,
Machinist.

Sir:

I will thank you to examine schedule and mark all supplies enumerated that are used in your department and can safely be contracted for, and any supplies that you may require outside of the schedule, or in any special way, will you please enumerate and report in writing at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 3, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in return for the coin and metal mentioned in your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have sent you by United States Express, the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty-four dollars and thirty cents ($1,754.30) and enclose herewith a memorandum of the several items.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 3, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 16 of $180,000; two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 19 of $8,000 and two (2) dimes from delivery No. 20 of $~~28~~10,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mac R

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 3d 1897

To Chief Engineer

You are directed to examine schedule and mark all supplies enumerated, that are used in your department and can safely be contracted for, and any supplies that you may require outside of the schedule, or in any special way, you will enumerate and report in writing without [illegible] ay,

Herman Kuz

Letter.
Robt. M. Furman,
Asheville, N. C.
1 Feby. 1897.
Addressed to the D. of the M.
Asking for information on currency, &c

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
February 4, 1897.
Respectfully forwarded to the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

February 4, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 17 of $405,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 5th 1897

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Distributing Clerk Thomas J. Hobbs Check No 687,359 dated Washington D.C. February 3rd/97 in amount Seven dollars and fifty cents ($7.50) in favor of Henry C. Baird & Co of this city, for publication recd as per bill rendered in full for six months subscription to December 31st 1896. (Contingent Expenses Mint Bureau)

Very Respectfully
Herman Kelz
Superintendent

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The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 5th 1897.

Received of Maj. Herman Kretz Superintendent, Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia Pa. Disbursing Clerk Thomas J. Hobbs Check No 681357 dated Washington D.C. February 3/97 in amount Seven dollars and fifty cents ($7.50). in full for amount of bill rendered for publications delivered to the mint, for the six (6) months ending December 31/96

Nelly Gary Baird & Co
810, Walnut St
Philadelphia Pa

Statistics for the Calendar year 1896.

Gold and silver of domestic production deposited.

Deposits and purchases of gold and silver.

Gold and silver bars manufactured.

Deposits and purchases of uncurrent gold and silver coins of the U. S.

Value and composition of bars manufactured for use in the industrial arts.

Value of fine gold bars exchanged.

Fineness and coinage value of the foreign gold and silver bullion melted

Approximate value of foreign gold coins melted.

Forwarded to Director of the Mint. 4th Feby. 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 4, 1897.

Hon. R.E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me the cutting machine to be used at the annual assay, and which we will return as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

February 5, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 21 of $7,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

February 6, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 22 of $2,000.

Very respectfully,

Geo. E. Bowden
Acting Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 6th 1897

Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C

Sir

I will thank you to furnish through the Revenue-Cutter Service Division of the Department, two (2) flags for use on the flag pole of this building, namely.

One (1) Flag twenty (20) feet long
One (1) " twelve (12) " "

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Custodian U.S. Mint (Phila)

February 8, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 20 of $31,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
February 8, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letter.
Jas. M. Bradford,
123 Blondeau St.,
Keokuk, Iowa.
5th Feby. 1897
Addressed to the
Dir. of the M.
Asks for "a copy of
your last Mint report."

Postal card:

R. Leavens,
Mt. Hood, Lawrence, Or.
"2-2-1897."
Addressed to the
D. of the M.
Asks for "Mint Report
for 1896."

Forwarded to the
D. of the M.
9th Feby. 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office,

February 9, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 21 of $450,000 and two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 23 of $6,000.

very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 9, 1897.

Hon. H. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in final compliance with your instructions of the 27th November 1896, I have this day sent by the United States Express Co. to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco dies as follows, viz:

Ten (10) pairs standard dollars Nos. obverse and reverse 31 to 40 inclusive.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

February 9, 1897.

The Superintendent of the Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in final compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 27th November, 1896, I have sent you this day by the United States Express Co. dies as follows, viz:

Ten (10) pairs standard dollars Nos. obverse and reverse 31 to 40 inclusive.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 9, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by to-days mail my Salaries, Wages of Workmen and Adjusters, Incidental and Contingent, Refinery, Storage and Coinage of Silver Bullion, Act July 14th, 1890. Expense Accounts for the month of January 1897, with Abstract Sheets and Vouchers pertaining thereto.

Authority for Mahlon K. Smith, Pres., Harry B. French, V.Pres., and Mahlon N. Kline, General Manager and Treasurer, to receipt for the Smith, Kline and French, Co., and Joseph Clendenin, Jr. Secretary, R. Brent Keyser, Treas. and Albert H. Weld, Asst. Treas. for the Baltimore Copper S and R. Co., are enclosed with the Vouchers.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter:
F. S. Bailey,
Stratton, Dan. coy. Penn.
9th Feby. 1897.

Encloses a $1 bill
"Please exchange it
for a good one."

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

February 10, 1897.

Respectfully referred with envelope (unopened) said to contain a $1 Government note to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 10, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from you this day, of Treasury check No. 24876, in my favor, for two hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty cents ($282.20); being the value of special assay coins forwarded your Bureau, during the quarter ended December 31, 1896.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 10, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. ~~31~~ 22 nd of $485,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

February 12, 1897.

Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 24 of $10,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

F.L.T

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,
February 13th, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you cause to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint, at your earliest convenience, the Annual Assay Coins for the Calendar Year 1896, heretofore received as follows, Viz:-

From Mint U.S. San Francisco, Cal. Gold. — $ 30.160
Silver — 2.838.55
Total — $ 32.998.55

From Mint U.S. New Orleans, La. Silver, — $ 2.898
Total $ 2.898.

Very respectfully,
[illegible]
Superintendent

Letter.

George L. Kennard,
Meshoppen, Penn'd.
13 Feby. 1897.
Asks for half dolls. $90
Gtr " " 90

Respectfully referred with Pension Warrants No. 220,939 for $30 and No. 224,403 for $90, duly endorsed, to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, and write duly advised.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

February 16, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from Coiner's No. 26 of $200,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 15, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

As you suggested when here I herein send you the bills of the Assay Commission. Will you kindly have the Secretary approve them.

I hope you arrived home safe found all well and O. K.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Mac L

February 15th 1897

Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt through the Division of Revenue Cutter Service, forwarded by Captain C. F. Shoemaker Chief of Division, the following.

One (1) National Ensign 10 × 19 feet
One (1) " " 6⅓ × 12 "

as requested per letter from this office dated 8th Instant.

Very Respectfully

Custodian U.S. Assay (old)

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 16, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 25 of $8,000 and two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 27 of $300,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 17, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 26 of $10,000 and two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 27 of $10,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 18, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 28 of $6,000 and two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 28 of $150,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 19, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 29 of $19,000 and two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 30 of $7,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 19, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In further compliance with your several letters and directions under the resolution passed by the House of Representatives, May 19, 1896, authorizing the striking of experimental minor coin, giving the different alloys to be used, I beg to say that in the presence of Hon. Stephen M. White, and Hon. Henry C. Brewster and Hon. S. M. Sparkman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and measures and other members of the Assay Commission, the Director of the Mint, the different Manufacturers of the metals, all of the Operative Officers and myself, the experimental 5¢ pieces were struck on Thursday, February 11, 1897. The enclosed schedule gives the number of pieces transmitted for the use of the Honorable Committee with such information as the limited number of pieces struck will permit.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Mack

February 19th, 1897.

Schedule of the experimental Minor Coins giving the number of planchets submitted and struck in the Coining room February 11th 1897. noting the alloy, composition, denomination, and the name of the manufacturer subscribing same.

Name	Alloy	Denomination	Number of planchets submitted	Number of planchets struck	Remarks
Oxford Copper Co and Newark Copper Works	Pure Nickel	5-¢	15	15	
Joseph Wharton	Pure Nickel	5-¢	15	15	
Pittsburgh Reduction Co A	Copper .2 Zinc .2 Manganese 1½ Aluminum 94½	5-¢	10	10	Rolled hardest
" " " B	Copper .2 Zinc .2 Manganese 1½ Aluminum 94½	5-¢	10	10	Rolled copper
" " " A.2	Nickel .6 Copper .3 Aluminum 91	5-¢	10	10	Rolled Medium
" " " B.2	Nickel .6 Copper .3 Aluminum 91	5-¢	10	10	Rolled hardest

R.E.P. - 2 -

Name	Pkg	Alloy	Denomination	Number of plancheta submitted	Number of plancheta struck	Remarks
Pittsburgh Reduction Co	C	Nickel .6 Copper .3 Aluminum .91	5c	10	10	Rolled soft
" " "	D	Nickel .5 Copper .1 Zinc .1 Aluminum .93	5	10	10	Rolled soft
" " "	K	Nickel .3 Copper .2 Zinc .2 Manganese .2 Aluminum .91	5¢	10	10	Rolled soft
" " "	P	Nickel .4 Copper .3 Zinc .4 Manganese .2 Aluminum .87	5¢	10	10	Rolled soft
" " "	Q	Nickel .5 Copper .2 Zinc .6 Manganese .1 Aluminum .86	5¢	10	10	Rolled soft
" " "	R	1¢ Composition .4 Aluminum .96	5¢	10	10	Rolled hard
" " "	S	1¢ Composition .4 Aluminum .96	5c	10	10	Rolled Medium
" " "	T	1¢ Composition .4 Aluminum .96	5c	10	10	Rolled soft

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 20, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir;

I herein send you requisition for one (1) Superintendent's Receipt Book and one (1) Weigh Clerk's Blotter for use in the office of the Weigh Clerk.

Very respectfully,

Geo. R. Growden,
Acting Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

February 25, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 31 of $530,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

February 23rd 1897

Hon. E. P. Baldwin,
Auditor for the Treasy. Dept.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Respectfully referring to the suspended Medal Fund Account of Eugene Townsend late Superintendent of this Mint, in which credit is taken for a purchase of Copper for use in the Manufacture of Medals. I beg to request information as to the time of its ultimate settlement.

Very respectfully,
Henry Kretz
Superintendent

Postal cards:
J. D. Eastman,
Hood River, Wasco Co., O.
No date.
"Please send to my
address the book."

J. L. Still,
Stanberry, Mo.
20 Feby. 1897.
Asks for "last year's
report of the Mint,"
&c., &c.

Forwarded to the
D. of the M.
24 Feby. 1897

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 24, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 32 of $474,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 25, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 33 of $360,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

February 26, 1897.

Postmaster,

City of Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please deliver the mail registered and otherwise to the bearer, Thomas D. Smith, until further orders.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kuhn

Superintendent.

Letter.

G. H. Griswold,
326 Indiana St.
Chicago, Ills.
25 Feby. 1897.

Addressed to the Supt. of the Mint.

Asking for
Dept. of the Int.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 27, 1897 .

The Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
Chicago, Illinois;

Sir-

In answer to your letter of the 25th instant received this morning I beg to remind you that the shortage referred to occurred during the incumbency of my predecessor, some three years ago. Since that time the Cashier and other officials have also been changed.

It would be an unusual rule that would hold me responsible for shortage in bags sent by my predecessor. According to your claim I would be liable for all deficiencies in count in coin from this Mint that might have occurred during the past twenty years, or any indefinite period. It would also be in effect to guarantee the fidelity of every employe in your office for the same time.

There can be no claim on me in morals or law, to make good shortages where the money was not counted within a reasonable time, say a few days. It is the practice in this Mint, in the Sub-Treasuries in this city and in New York, and in the Treasury at Washington so far as the connection with this institution is concerned, to count the money at once or as soon as practicable, and then shortages are made good or surplusages refunded.

(2)

Any other practice would not seem to answer the requirements of the public business or adjust the relative liability of the officials concerned.

I am unable to see the least obligation on my part to make up the deficit in question, and I have no objection to referring the matter to the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

February 27, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed the report of the Coiner for the month of February, 1897.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Form No. 2[illegible].

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

February 27 97

2nd February 97

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66,007,898.26

132,147.53

75,420.00

80468.085.79

Herman Kuz

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Feby 27th 1897

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

I beg to report the amount of Treasury Bonds [illegible] at the close of business this day to be [illegible] Thousand Six Hundred (19,000) Dollars received in exchange for Standard Silver Dollars, Act July 14th 1890

Very respectfully,
Herman Kerz
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

March 1, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 36 of $240,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Record
of
Coins Received
for Annual Assay
etc.

for February 1897.

Forwarded to the
Director of the Mint,
1st March 1897.

U. S. Mint Service,
Form No. 586.

F.H.K.

Mint of the United States,

Office of the Supt

Phila - March 1st 1897

To the Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

To enable me to meet the expenditures for the month ending March 31st 1897, on account of the appropriations made for the support of this institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, it is requested that you cause a requisition to be made upon the Treasury of the Treasury for the following amounts, as to which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated Feby 10th 1896, viz:

Salaries,	$ 3,500.—
Wages of Workmen,	$ 30,000.—
Contingent Expenses,	$ 4,000—
Party & Refg Bullion exps.	$ 2,500 -
Storage Sil Bullion ad pg exps.	$ 350.—
Total,	$ 40,350 —

Respectfully yours,

Herman Kuhn

Supt.

(Ed. 1-2-[illegible])

Reports for January 1877.
Deposits and Purchases
of Gold and Silver.

Gold and Silver
Bars Manufactured.

Deposits and Purchases
of Uncoined Gold
and Silver Coin of
the United States.

Gold and Silver
of Domestic Production
Deposited.

Forwarded to the
Dr. of the Mint,
1st March 1877.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 2, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 31 of $22,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter.

T. St. Clair Thompson,
Home, Md. cy, Pa.

1st March 1897.
2d " " Recd

Addressed to the
D. of the M.

Asks for yr. report
as Director of the
U. S. Mint for the
last year.

MAR 2 1897

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
March 2, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

[illegible]
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 2, 1897.

The Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have this day received from you by registered mail $3 "in uncurrent silver coin burnt," as stated in your letter of yesterday, the 1st instant, and that as requested I have deposited the proceeds, $1.87, with the Treasurer of the United States in this city to your credit.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter.

H. M. Folsom,
Evansville, Penna.
1st March 1897.

Asking for a copy of the
full report for
fiscal year 1896.

Addressed to the
D. of the M.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
March 3, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 3, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewi th enclosed two double eagles from delivery No. 37 of $825,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter:
W. C. Fondix,
C. of the Merch's N. B.,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
3 March 1897.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
March 4, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded with draft No. 37014 drawn by the Merchants National Bank of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. on the Ninth National Bank of New York City, for $1,000, duly endorsed, to the Treasurer of the United States and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 5, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 52 of $10,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 8, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 41 of $180,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Mac L
Superintendent's Office.

March 8th, 1897.

Hon R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Sir

I will thank you to correct the contract price of copper caps for annealing Cannisters, in the contract awarded to Joseph Oat & Son. The price reported to your office reads one dollar ($1.00) each, and should read one dollar and eight cents ($1.08) each, the error occurring in transcribing from the proposal, the cipher and the eight written so small that both were taken as ciphers. The Contractor has delivered forty eight copper caps and paid for at one dollar each, there is due them at eight cents each for the forty eight caps, three dollars and eighty four cents ($3.84) Authority is also requested to pay this amount.

Very Respectfully
Herman Kuhn
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 9th 1897

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir-

Enclosed herewith please find
$ 4.39 proceeds of Light Weights Half Eagle
sent by you on the 5th Inst.
to the Superintendent of this Mint.
Less Price of Registry Stamp
Yours respectfully,

Herman Kretz
Superintendent.

per
J. S. C.

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Letter.

L. O. Lillegaard,
Lutheran Hide School,
Bode, Ia.
Ver March 1897.
Asking for "any pamphlet
treating of the money
question," &c.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

March 9, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the

Director of the Mint.

[signature]

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 9, 1897.

Sir-

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 33 of $22,,000 and two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 42 of $220,600.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 9th, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by to-days mail, My Balances Wages of Workmen and Adjusters, Incidental and Contingent, Refining, Coinage, and Storage of Silver Bullion, Act July 14th 1890, & Expense Accounts, for the Month of February 1897. with Abstract Sheets and Vouchers pertaining thereto.

Authority for John F. Forrest, Treasurer to receipt for the Commercial Ice Company is enclosed with the Vouchers.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 9th 1897

Hon R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D C

Sir

I will thank you for the authority through the Division of Stationery, forwarding and blanks to advertise proposals for supplies for the fiscal year of 1898. Enclosed please find Copy for examination and approval, recommending that the proposals be published in three Philadelphia Newspapers only, daily editions, one insertion twice a week for four weeks, and arrange the publication, so that the bids can be opened on Thursday April 15th 1897

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

March 9, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 34 of $3,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 9, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 8th instant I herein send you report of the Engraver regarding methods of making dies etc.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Postal card.

Geo. W. Kie,
Columbus, Ohio
6th March 1897.

Addressed to the
D. of the M.

Asking for "a copy of
your last annual Rpt."

Forwarded to the D of the
M. 10th March 1897.

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Mint R

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
Superintendent's Office

March 9th 97

Hon R.E. Preston

Director of the Mint

Washington DC

Sir

I will thank you for the authority through the Division of Stationery, printing and blanks to advertise proposals for supplies for the fiscal year of 1898. Enclosed please find "Copy" for examination and approval, recommending that the proposals be published in three (3) Philadelphia Newspapers only, daily editions, one insertion twice a week, for four weeks, and arrange the publication, so that the bids can be opened on Thursday April 15th 1897

Very Respectfully

Herman Kuhn

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 10, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 43 of $544,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

F.K.S

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 10th, 1891.

Hon. D. N. Morgan,
Treasurer United States,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your favor of 9th inst, notifying me of the non receipt at your office of my Transcripts of Bullion Funds and Minor Coinage Redemption Accounts for the period ending 6th inst, I beg to state that the envelope containing the same was deposited in the post office delivery box, in this institution on Monday A.M. last, but in the absence of the regular Messenger who carries the mail to the post office, the person who temporarily attended to that duty, by inadvertence neglected to mail it.

I forward this morning the delayed papers regretting the inadvertence that caused the detention.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
March 10, 1897.

Respectfully returned to the

Director of the Mint with
questions answered as follows:
(3) A charge is made for rolling, annealing, cutting, adjusting, milling and cleaning the planchets. The expense of these different operations was included in the estimate sent you.
(4) The amount of gold necessary to be operated upon to produce $1,000,000 is about 106,000 ounces, the legal allowance on which for the Melt Melter & Refiner & Coiner is 154 ounces. The estimate of 75 ounces wastage is, therefore, less than 50 per cent. This estimate might be reduced to 25 per cent of the legal allowance, or say, 40 ounces.
(5) The Mint could deliver 50,000 pieces within two weeks after receipt of order.
(6) The Mint could prepare planchets for the amount and denominations of coin specified within, say, three months.
(7) One weeks notice would be ample.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 11, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

If we are to continue gold coinage, it might be well to have some gold bullion shipped from New York.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 11, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of proposal dated February 17, 1897, for one pair of rolls for use of Assay Department of this Mint.

Proposals were received from the following named firms and are enclosed herein scheduled as follows:

Pedrick & Ayer Co., two bids,	$1,500.00 &	$2,000.00
Howard Foundry & Machine Works,		1,000.00
William F. Lodge, two bids,	875.00 &	950.00
Orr & Hess Machine Co., two bids,	695.00 &	795.00
George V. Cresson Co.		450.00
William L. Simpson,		375.00
William Sellers & Co. , declined to bid.		
Midvale Steel Works, " " "		

Also please find letters of the Assayer, stating the exigencies requiring the rolls, and recommending the bid of Mr. Wm. L. Simpson, as per proposal, in the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars ($375.00) I would request the authority to purchase the rolls as recommended.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

COPY. Superintendent's Office.

February 17, 1897.

PROPOSAL FOR ROLLS, ASSAY DEPARTMENT.

Proposals will be received at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, until 12 o'clock, noon, February 26th, 1897, for one (1) pair of cast steel hardened rolls, five (5) inches diameter, six (6) inch face, ground and polished, housings to be surfaced, with a centre adjustment for gauging the metal passing through the mill, set in place in complete working order, in the Assay Department of this Mint. Must be made of the best material and workmanship, fully guaranteed to perform the work required. Detail information and instructions relating to the rolls will be furnished by the Assayer, Mr. Jacob B. Eckfeldt.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) Herman Kretz

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Assayer's Department, February 26, 1897.

Major Herman Kretz,
Superintendent.

Sir:

I would respectfully ask that permission be granted for the purchase of a heavier set of rolls, than we are now using, (would prefer a set of about 5 inch diameter with 6 inch face.)

We have for years been depending on the Coiner's Department for breaking down any metal that is not suitable for our assay rolls, and it is inconvenient for this Department as well for the Coiner's Department.

Very respectfully,
Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer.

Mint C

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Assayer's Department

March 11th, 1897

Hon. Herman Kretz,

Superintendent.

Sir:

I would respectfully recommend the acceptance of the bid of W. L. Simpson, for one pair of cast steel hardened rolls, for the use of this Department, viz: $375.00, as per his letter of February 25th, 1897.

Very respectfully,

Jacob B. Eckfeldt

Assayer.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

March 11, 1897.

The Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of yesterday the 10th instant I beg to say that the half-dollar piece therein enclosed and now returned, while composed of silver, weighing a few grains more than the genuine coin, is counterfeit. Several of the same type and characteristics are now being assayed at this Mint.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Superintendent's Office.

March 11, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In return for 1.05 (one and five-hundredths) oz. of gold received from you this morning as noted in your letter of yesterday the 10th instant, I beg herewith to send you by registered mail, $17.80, in currency, less registry stamp, as requested.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.,
March 12, 1897.,

Respectfully referred with contents said to be "part of a five dollar bill that met with an accident," to the Asst. Treasurer of the United States, and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 12, 1897.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer-in-Charge of the United States Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho:

Sir-

In exchange for the 1.53 (one and fifty-three hundredths) ounces of gold cornets received from you this day I beg to return by the United States Express Co. a like weight of proof gold, as requested by your letter of the 5th instant.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kuhn

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 12, 1897.

Hon. Wm. M. Aiken,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I find upon inquiry that the Philadelphia Steam Heating Co., (Limited) No. 1513 Filbert St. this city, composed of James A. Palmer, Chas. F. Wood, and John I. Moyer, is considered by the business people and Chief of the Bureau of Boiler Inspection of Philadelphia, a good and reliable firm, fully competent as to their mechanical ability and responsibility estimated by the trade at from $10,000 to $20,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

March 13, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday I beg to say that by straining a point we can spare a small press, to be sent to the Tennessee Centennial. It would be impossible to let them have a large one, as one of them is dismantled and undergoing repairs which will take some time to complete.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 13, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant I beg to say that our appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" is sufficient I believe, to pay the transportation of ten million dollars in gold bullion from New York.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

March 15, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 47 of $273,000.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kuhn
Superintendent.

Letters:

W. H. Thurber,
Hailey, Idaho, 8 Mch. 1897.
Asks for "Report of Mint returns in 1896, &c.

Jas'l. W. Treat,
Rockford, Ills., 12 Mch. 1897.
Asks for "a copy of Director + of the Mint for 1896."

Both addressed to the Director of the Mint.

MINT OF U. S. PHILADELPHIA. RECEIVED MAR 15 1897

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
March 15, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 15, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that the consignment of stationery under Invoice No. 1 is found to be short by three hundred and eighty-three (383) white envelopes No. 6.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 16, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 35 of $10,000 , and two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 48 of $955,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 17, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 36 of $6,000 and two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 49 of $496,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 18, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 37 of $2,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

March 18, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 17th instant I herewith return the proof and manuscript of Schedule of Supplies, corrected.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 29, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 38 of $7,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Reports for the month
of March 1897:

Gold and Silver of domestic
production deposited.

Deposits and purchases of
gold and silver.

Deposits and purchases of
uncurrent gold and silver
coins of the United States.

Gold and silver bars manu-
factured.

Forwarded to the
Director of the Mint,
19th March 1897.

J. X. Perrault,
Ex Honorary President, Delegate of the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, Knight of the Legion of Honor,
82 St. Denis St.
Montreal, Canada.
18th March 1897.

About to establish a Canadian Mint. Asks for printed reports and where to obtain machinery.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
March 20, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the Direc
Director of the Mint.

The writer has been advised that the Director would probably send him a copy of the last Report, which contains about all the information attainable for distribution; and that on supplying details of the nature and extent of the plant proposed for the new Mint, ar at a personal interview he would be fully informed on operations, apparatus, &c., &c.

Superintendent.

Decatur Aylett,
Richmond, Va.
19th March 1897.

"Will you kindly send me
Copy of your report for
the year 1896."

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
March 20, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 22, 1897.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent of the Assay Office of the U. S.,
New York.

Sir:

I beg to express my thanks through you to Mr. H. P. Smith, for the very interesting Lincoln medal received from you this day for deposit in the Cabinet of the Mint. It will prove to be a very acceptable addition to the collection, and I am indebted to your courtesy for sending it.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 22, 1897.

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 53 of $350,600.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 22nd 1897

Hon R B Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

I will thank you to send to this office four (4) blanks, Form 35. Division of Stating Printing and Blanks. Vouchers for publishing advertisement proposals for supplies 1898.

Yours Respectfully
Herman Kurtz
Superintendent

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The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

March 23, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 39 of $18,000 and two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 34 of $606,400.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 24, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 40 of $5,000; and two (2) dimes from delivery No. 41 of $10,000 and two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 55 of $330,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

March 24, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant I beg to inform you that a new die will have to be prepared for the Daniel E. Lynn medal, the inscription to read "United States of America, Joint resolution, approved March second, 1897." The change can be made in thirty days, the Engraver beginning the work at once.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

March 24, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 20th instant I herein send you blue prints, for the foundation for one of the small coining presses of this institution. Will you kindly let me know the size of medal to be struck, and when the press is to be shipped?

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter.
W. W. Waite
Blunt, J. Dak.
20th Mch. 1897.
Addressed to the D of M.
Ask about comparative production of J. Dak. in gold and silver.

PHILADELPHIA.
RECEIVED
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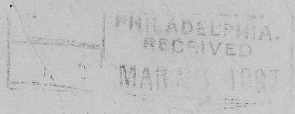

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

Respectfully forwarded to the

Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office, 3/25", 1897.

Hon. D. A. Morgan
U. S. Treasurer
Washington D. C

Sir:

$ 6.25 Enclosed herewith please find proceeds of Assorted Silver dollar sent by you on the 24th Inst to the Superintendent of this Mint. Less price of Registry stamp.

Yours respectfully,

Herman Kretz
Superintendent.
per J.B.C

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 25, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 42 of $6,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

H. L. S.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 26, 1897.

Hon. O. H. Morgan,
Treasurer United States,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you draw on me for the sum of Eighty three thousand, four hundred and thirty two $\frac{20}{100}$ ($83,432.20) Dollars, lawful money, to reimburse yourself for a like amount of Mint Coin heretofore transferred to this mint, for recoinage — Since received and issued for lawful Money.

Very respectfully,
Herman Kretz
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

March 26, 1897.

Hon. F. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir;

As we are approaching the completion of the counting of the silver dollars stored in this institution, I find the storage in the vaults inadequate for the boxed dollars. I recommend that we be directed or permitted to store eight million dollars ($8,000,000) in the vaults at the Post Office building, in this city. It can be done without additional cost except for the transfer, which if done by the Express Co. would cost 25¢ per thousand, amounting to $2,000. We can, however, obviate that expense by purchasing a horse, wagon and harness, the cost of which will not exceed $200. and probably six weeks feed for the horse. The work can be done without increase of force or risk, and when the transfer is completed, we can sell the horse and wagon, for over half what it cost us. It is really necessary for the proper transaction of business in this institution, that we should have the vault room, and especially so during the annual settlement.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter:
E. S. Ward,
Boston, Mass.
24 March 1897.
Addressed to the
D. of the Mint.
Asks for "the last
report of Director
of the Mint."

Mint of the U.S.,

Philadelphia, Pa.
March 26th, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to

the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 27, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 45 of $6,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 29th 1897

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

Enclosed please find the first and second "revise" proof of Schedule of supplies for the printer. the second revise, is as near perfect as can be made, and instruct to print from same noting the few changes and insertions, it will not be necessary to again send a proof.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 29, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from Delivery No. 59 of $525,400.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 29, 1897.

E. P. Leach, Esq.,
Acting Assayer in-Charge,
Mint of the United States,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In exchange for the three and a-half (3-1/2) ounces of Assayer's cornets, mentioned in your letter of the 23rd instant received on the 27th, I beg to inform you that I have this day sent by the United States Express Co. to your address the same weight in proof gold.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 30, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 61 of $570,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 30, 1897.

Samuel Roads, Jr., Esq.,
Chief of the Division of Stationery, Printing and Binding,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

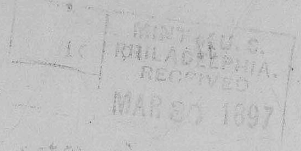
Sir:

Answering your inquiry returned with my letter of the 15th instant, the box in which the shortage was found was marked with blue lead pencil on the bottom 6995 ~~Secy~~ ~~5000-6~~ and was the only one marked with a number.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter.
Jas. H. Gable,
Baltimore, Md.
27th March 1897.
Asks for certain
information.



Sir:

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa., March 30, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 31, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th instant I would suggest the name of Mr. A. W. Downing, as a suitable person to be detailed to operate the coining press at the Tennessee Exposition.

Will you kindly ascertain whether they will pay Mr. Downing's compensation and expenses or will we have to carry him on the rolls of this institution?

Does the Representative of the Treasury Department understand that the press we intend to send will not coin a medal larger than a quarter dollar?

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 31, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have sold no old material since the date of my last report, namely, 31st December last, and have therefore no account to forward.

You will please find enclosed herewith the Assayer's Report for assay fees for the quarter ending 31st March instant.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 31, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 46 of $9,00 and two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 62 of $345,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

March 31, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We will commence coining eagles to-morrow. I will thank you to designate the amount you want coined of that denomination.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Form No. 430 A.
Ed. 7 29 96 500

United States Mint Service.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia

31st March, 1897

To the Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have this day deposited with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this city various sums covered by the following Certificates of Deposit, the original certificates having been forwarded direct to the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with instructions of June 11, 1896, viz:

No. 9307, for $ 48.—, on account of Assayers fees

No. 9308, for $ 24.77, on account of Alloy charges

No. 9309, for $ 7005.42 on account of Parting and refining

No. ____, for $ ____, on account of charges

No. ____, for $ ____, on account of

No. ____, for $ ____, on account of

No. ____, for $ ____, on account of

No. ____, for $ ____, on account of

for the quarter ended 31st March, 1897.

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

Form No. 225.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

March 31, 1897

Direc[illegible]

Sir

[illegible] and count at the close of business on the 31st March 1897 I found the moneys in the hen[illegible] of this Mint to be as follows:

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[illegible]	83.940.00
	$92.395.773.55

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Superintendent.

U. S. MINT SERVICE.
Form No. 595.

Mint of the United States,

Office of the Supt

Philada April 1st, 1897.

To the Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

To enable me to meet the expenditures for the month ending April 30th, 1897, on account of the appropriations made for the support of this institution for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1897, it is requested that you cause a requisition to be made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the following amounts, with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated Feby 10th, 1896, viz:

Salaries, - - - - - -	$ 3,500.—
Wages of Workmen, - -	$ 30.000.—
Contingent Expenses, - -	$ 10.000.—
P & R Bullion	$ 3.000—
Storage bill: Bullion [illegible]	$ 350.—
Total, - - - - - -	$ 46.850.—

Respectfully yours,

[illegible]

Supt

(Ed. 5-2-'95—1,000.)

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 2, 1898.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report the amount of Special Assay Coins forwarded your Bureau during the Quarter ended March 31st 1898, as follows:-

	Gold	Silver
January	$ 385.-	$ 1430
February	480.-	670
March	600.-	750
	$ 1465.-	$ 2850

Very respectfully
Alexander Kemp
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 3, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 47 of $1,000 and two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 48 of $5,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 5, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 66 of $274,800.

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Very respectfully,

Herman Kuhn

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 6, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) double eagles from delivery No. 67 of $360,400.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 6, 1897.

E. P. Leech, Esq.,
Acting Assayer in Charge,
Mint of the United States,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant I beg to say that bar #2321 was very base and brittle. On a first melting the poured bar showed a swelled up, blistered surface not unlike a loaf of bread,- An unmistakable indication of volatile impurity. This being unsatisfactory, the bar was remelted under a little borax and cuttings taken. These cuttings from opposite ends of same bar assayed 545 and 542.8 respectively. The loss in weight was chiefly in these efforts to get a good bar and correct samples. A remelt was ordered and made without flux. A granulation was taken, from which the final assay was made as reported-gold 545. This we believe to be the correct fineness of the bar as turned over to our Melter and Refiner. If any loss of gold occurred, it was from a cause beyond our control, in the nature of the bar itself. #2321 had gone to the Refinery before the receipt of your letter.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 6, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 5th, I beg leave to inform you that Abram Setley was appointed January 11, 1890, and was separated from the service April 30, 1894. The records fail to show whether he resigned or was dismissed. I herein return you Abram Setley's letter.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 7, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) eagles from delivery No. 68 of $330,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter.

J. Van Deventer,
Knoxville, Tenn.
5th April 1897.

Asks for yield of gold
from the Dahlonega
Gold field, Ga.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
April 7, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 7, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Will you kindly have Mr. Downing detailed for duty at Nashville during the Tennessee Centennial Exposition and I would recommend that his compensation be increased from $3.25 to $4.00 per day, while he is absent on Exposition business.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 7, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Since the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant I have decided after investigation, that we can spare the large No. 6 press to the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. The press is in perfect order and I have instructed Mr. Downing to dismantle it and have it ready for shipment in a few days.

I would thank you to have the Representative of the Department to the Exposition, authorize the expense of boxing and hauling the press and other implements to the freight depot of the rail road over which they desire it shipped.

I think there should be some arrangement or understanding with the Representative, as to Mr. Downing's expenses.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 8, 1897.

To the

Assistant Treasurer of the United States,

New York:

Sir-

In answer to your letter of yesterday the 7th instant I beg to inform you that your quarter dollar herewith returned is genuine. The trifling difference from the usual coin arises from a slight rearrangement of the die. The alteration was of an experimental nature, and by accident a few of the pieces went into the general delivery.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 8, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Departme
Washingto

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) eagles from an delivery No. 89 of $340,000

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Record
of
Coins received for Annual
Assay &c., for the
month of March 1897.

Forwarded 6th April 1897
to the
Director of the Mint.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 8, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 7th instant I herein send you copies of the correspondence between Mr. Friedenstein and the Mint in connection with the copper contract.

Our records show that on June 12th, 1893, two thousand (2,000) lbs. of ingot copper was purchased from the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co. at 11-85/100¢ per lb. amounting to $237.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Copy

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 9, 1897.

DIRECTOR of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 43 of $3,000 and two (2) eagles from delivery No. 70 of $280,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 9th 1897

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D C

Sir

In compliance with Telegram just received, enclosed please find copy of Schedule used by bidders in making proposals for supplies for the fiscal year 1893.

Very Respectfully
Hermann Kretz
Superintendent

(Copy)

F.M.S.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 9, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by to days mail, My Salaries, Wages of Workmen and Adjusters Incidental and Contingent, Refinery, Coinage & Storage of Silver Bullion Act July 14th: 1890, Expense Accounts for the Month of March 1897, with Abstract Sheets and Vouchers pertaining thereto

Authority for William F. Sellers, Treasurer & H. S. Garrett, Secretary, to receipt for the Edge Moor Iron Company, accompanies the Vouchers

Very respectfully
Herman Kuhn
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 9, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 8th instant I have the honor to state that the balance of metal resulting from the melting of worn and uncurrent nickel coin, as called for by the books of this Mint is, 1,579.83 Troy ounces.

I can receive from the Treasurer of the United States such an amount of uncurrent minor coin for recoinage, as is deemed advisable to transfer; providing, however, that the transfer be made without delay; in order that the coin can be melted and converted into blanks, before the Annual Settlement, if possible.

Very respectfully,

Herman [illegible]
Superintendent.

Letter:
Wm. J. Mungar,
Richmond, Va.
9th April 1897.

Asks for information about
gold mines "in this state."

Addressed to the Dept. &c.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
April 10, 1897.
Respectfully forwarded to
the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 10, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 50 of $2,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 12, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) eagles from delivery No. 72 of $220,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 12, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Good Friday is a legal holiday and Saturday a half holiday in this State. If it meets with your approval, the operative departments of this institution will be closed from 4 P. M. Thursday, April 15th, until 9 A. M. Monday April 19th, 1897, which will enable us to repair the machinery.

Yours respectfully,

Herman Kretz

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 12, 1897.

Hon. F. Z. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

As the demand for nickel five cent coin has been greater of late than anticipated, and our stock of such blanks when coined, and coin on hand will not amount to more than, say, sixty-four thousand (64,000) dollars, (about thirty days supply.) Together with the possibility of such nickel coin to be transferred to this Mint for recoinage; not being available for issue, until near the close of the present or commencement of the next fiscal year, I beg to request you to authorize me to purchase from the Scovill Manufacturing Co., twenty-five thousand (25,000) lbs. avoirdupois of nickel five cent blanks, under the terms of the contract now in force with that Company, viz: @ 31-94/100¢ per lb.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 13, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Departme
Washingto , C

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 81 of $10,000 and two (2) eagles from delivery No. 73 of $110,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office,

April 13, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant in regard to transferring the silver dollars from this institution to the vaults in the post office building, I beg to say that I am ready and anxious to commence as soon as possible. I will thank you to get the authority from the Secretary of the Treasury to allow us the use of lift and of the lower vault on the second floor. I will, as you indicate, make arrangements with the United States Express Co. to transport the coin from this institution to the post office building, the same to be paid from the appropriation for the storage of the silver bullion and silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kretz
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 13, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant I beg to say that we can handle $150,000 in uncurrent minor coin in addition to the $50,000 named in your letter, between now and the settlement.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Postal Card:

J. W. Marwin,

Lansing, Mich.,

12th April 1897.

Addressed to the Director of the Mint.

Asks for "your report of mint X X X as far back in the past as possible."

Forwarded to the Director of the Mint April 14, 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 14, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Departme
Washington, D.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) eagles from delivery No. 74 of $436,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter:

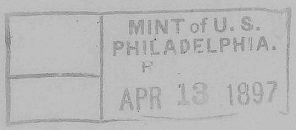
Frederick Haldy,

242 Bleecker Street,

New York.

12th April, 1897.

Requests blank application for position of laborer in Assay Office, at New York.



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

April 14, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the Superintendent of U. S. Assay Office, at New York.

Superintendent.

Stationery invoice and
receipt, 26 Feby. 1897.

Receipted by the Supt.
14th Apr 1897 and
forwarded same
day to
Samuel Roads Jr.
Chf. of division of
stationery, printing,
and blanks.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 14th, 1897.

NOTICE.

Friday is a legal holiday and Saturday a half holiday, This institution will be closed from Thursday P. M. April 15th until Monday A. M. April 19th, 1897. All employes who can be spared will be excused during that time.

Herman Kuhn
Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

Hon Charles E. Kemper April 14th, 1897.
Treasury Representative
Tennessee Centennial Exposition
Washington D.C.

Sir

I beg to inform you, that shipment of the Coining Press, Appliances, tools etc. pertaining thereto, was made in accordance with your directions, yesterday April 13th on Box Car 73.159 and Gondola Car 14.959. marked U.S. Govt Exhibit Tennessee Centennial Exposition Nashville Tenn, by arrangement with Mr James Harris No 31 So 3d St Philada, agent for the Chesapeake and Ohio R.R.

Very Respectfully
Alexander Kemp
Superintendent

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office,

April 13th 1897

List of items shipped to U.S. Govt Exhibit. Tenn Centl Exposition

Nashville Tenn

Pa R.R. Box Car 73.159.

" " " Gondola " 14.959.

Route Chesapeake & Ohio R.R.

One (1) Coining Press. Jobs and base complete

Six (6) Boxes Machinery

One (1) Chest of Tools

One (1) Crate Pulleys

One (1) Piece of Shafting

One (1) Coin Stand

One (1) Hook's Beam & Attachment

One (1) Base Block for Press

Herman Kretz

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 15, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed Certificate of Renewal of bond No. 12014 F, as Surety for Mr. Mark H. Cobb, Registrar of Deposits, in the General Department of this institution.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kurtz
Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 15th 1897

Hon Charles E Kemper
Treasury Representative
Tennessee Centennial Exposition
Washington, D.C.

Sir

Enclosed please find duplicate receipts bills, in amount, Seventy five dollars and Sixty cents ($75.60/100) in favor of Mr John Nolan Teamster, No 503 Cherry at Phila, Removing Coining Press Appliances etc from the Coining room of this mint and delivering same on board Cars Penna R.R.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 15, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have this day sent you by the United States Express Co. the sum of two thousand two hundred and five dollars and thirty-five cents ($2,205.35) in return for the consignment from the Assayer of the Mint Bureau described in your letter of yesterday the 14th instant. Enclosed herewith you will find memoranda of the several deposits.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

REPORTS FOR MARCH 1897:

Gold and Silver Bars manufactured;

Deposits and purchases of gold and silver;

Gold and silver of domestic production deposited; and

Deposits and purchases of uncurrent gold and silver coins of the United States.

Forwarded to the Director of the Mint

14th April 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 19, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) eagles from delivery No. 76 of $260,000 and two (2) dimes from delivery No. 52 of $14,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Mace Co
Superintendent's Office.

April 19th 1897

Hon Charles E. Kemper
Representative of the Treasury Department
Tennessee Centennial Exposition
Washington DC

Sir

In compliance with instructions contained in office letter dated April 16th/97 the voucher in favor of Mr John Nolan Treasurer, in amount Seventy five dollars and sixty cents ($75-60) has been forwarded this day.

Very Respectfully

Herman Kretz
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia. Mach
Superintendent's Office

Mr H. P. R. Holt

Disbursing Agent
Government Exposition Building
Nashville Tenn

Sir

Enclosed please find voucher in duplicate in favor of, and signed by Mr John Nolan #503 Cherry St Philada in amount Seventy five dollars and Sixty cents ($75 60/11) for removing Coining Press and machinery from the Mint, to Pa R.R.

Very Respectfully
Herman Kuhn
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 20, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 53 of $3,000 and two (2) eagles from delivery No. 77 of $142,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter
The People's Bank,
Humboldt, Iowa.
17 April 1897.
Encloses draft No. 19196 on
the Ninth National Bank,
New York, for $500.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

April 20, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States. Draft enclosed, No. 19196 for $500, drawn by the People's Bank of Humboldt, Iowa, on the Ninth National Bank of New York duly endorsed. Writer so advised.

Superintendent.

F. H. Felden,
Craneville, Penn'a.
19 April 1897.
Addressed to the D. of the M.
Asks for annual report of
1896.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
April 20th, 1897.
Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Herman Kretz
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 20, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In partial fulfilment of your instructions of the 14th instant I have this day sent by the United States Express Company to the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at San Francisco dies as follows, viz:

Five (5) pairs standard dollar: Nos. obverse and reverse 41 to 45 inclusive.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 20, 1897.

To the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, California:

Sir-

I beg to inform you that in partial fulfilment of instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 14th instant I have sent you this day by the United States Express Co. dies as follows, viz:

Five (5) pairs standard dollar. Nos. obverse and reverse 41 to 45 inclusive.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 20, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 19th instant I have the honor to inform you that the cost of making sixty thousand (60,000) ten Colones coins valued at three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) will be as follows:

7,780 grams or equal to 15,007.62 Troy ounces valued in American coin,	$279,291.81
Cost of making ingots,	33.52
Wastage about 1/4 of the legal allowance 8 ounces standard,	148.88
Cost of labor, material and wastage in the Coiner's Department,	750.00
Incidentals in the General Department,	25.79
Total cost in standard gold,	$280,250.00

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 21, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from Delivery No. 54 of $16,000 and two (2) eagles from delivery No. 78 of $380,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 22, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 55 of $10,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 22, 1897.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint dated the 14th instant I have this day sent you by the United States Express Co.

Five (5) pairs of dies, standard dollar, Nos. 46 to 50 inclusive, obverse and reverse.

Please acknowledge receipt of them.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 22, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that in compliance with your instructions of the 14th instant I have this day sent by the United States Express Co. to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans

Five (5) pairs of dies, standard dollar, Nos. 46 to 50 inclusive, obv. and rev.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 23, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Treasury Draft No. 24,691 on Assistant Treasurer U. S., Philadelphia, Pa., in my favor for one thousand, three hundred ninety-three dollars and twenty cents, ($1,393.20) being the value of Special Assay Coins forwarded your Bureau during the quarter ended March 31, 1897.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 23, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have given the subject of putting into the rolling room a breaking down and a finishing mill a great deal of thought and am convinced that by putting the mills into operation we can improve the service very much. The mills will cost thirty-three hundrd and fifty dollars ($3,350) but will prove a great saving of labor, expense, and will dispense with the draw benches, in addition the work will be done more accurately and the blanks will require much less adjusting. If the purchase of the mills meets with your approval I will order them subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed copy of letter of the Mossberg & Granville Mfg. Co.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kretz
Superintendent.

Postal card:

J. W. Mervin,

Lansing (Mich.) 21 April 1897.

Addressed to the D. of the M.

Acknowledges receipt of
"your repat of 96."

Forwarded to the Director
of the Mint, 23 April 1897.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 28, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have made a personal inspection of the vaults in the Post Office building and would much prefer the lower vault on the second floor as it would save carrying the silver up and down the steps, but as it now used by the Internal Revenue Office and taking it away from them would put them to considerable inconvenience (as it opens directly into their office) I have concluded that we can use the upper vault on the same floor.

Will you kindly ask the Supervising Architect to have the vault doors opened and the combination locks put in good order as early as practicable, as I desire to commence moving the silver in a few days. The letter of the Custodian of the P. O. building is herewith returned.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 23, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge your letter of the 21st instant in regard to coining sixty thousand (60,000) 10 Colones gold pieces for the Costa Rica government. I have instructed the different operative officers accordingly. It will require some days to prepare the cutters, strips and blanks but will have them coined as soon as possible and hope it will not exceed ten days.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 24, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 81 of $60,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 24, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I herein return you the Civil Service circular. I have designated the four Operative Officers and the Chief Clerk of this institution, for the Board of Examiners. I thought this the best and most practical thing to do.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 24, 1897.

To the Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir-

I beg to inform you that I have this day deposited with the Assistant Treasurer in this city the sum of five dollars and twenty-five cents ($5.25), proceeds of a lot of melted metal referred to in your letter (T. S.) of the 22nd instant.

Yours respectfully,

Herman Kretz

Superintendent.

Letter.

J. W. Hill, Cashier of the
East Brady Bank, Limited,
East Brady, Penna.
24th April 1897.

Asks for Quarters $50
Halves 50
Silver dollars 900
$1,000.00

APR 3 1897

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
April 26, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, with enclosed draft drawn by The National Bank of Kittanning on the Fourth National Bank of New York for $1,000, and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 26, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 82 of $100,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 26, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by United States Express Company this day, a box containing my Bullion Accounts with Abstract Sheets and Vouchers pertaining thereto, for the 3rd quarter fiscal year 1897.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 28, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE U.S.
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No.57 of $9,000 and two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 84 of $270,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Letter.
E. D. Gauv,
N. C. of the First Natl. Bk.
Danville, Ill.
26 April 1897.
Asks for "the amount
in dimes."

Mint of the United States,
April 28, 1897.

Respectfully referred with draft No. 142719 drawn by the First National Bank of Danville Illinois, on The Merchants National Bank of New York for $200. duly endorsed to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 28, 1897.

The Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th instant I beg leave to inform you that we have found the combinations for the upper vault on the second floor of the Post Office building. On opening the vault we find the doors and locks very much rusted and mildewed and in need of repair. I herein send you a bid of the Parrel Safe Works for putting the locks and time locks in first class order for $25. I recommend that we accept the same and will thank you to authorize me to have it attended to.

As I would like to begin the transfer of coin on May 1st, you will oblige me greatly by giving this your immediate attention.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

April 28, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We will commence coining the 10 Colones gold pieces to-morrow afternoon and hope to finish them this week. Will you kindly call the attention of the Costa Rica minister to the fact as he may want to see the coin before shipment.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office,

April 29, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 69 of $29,000 and two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 85 of $50,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 29, 1897.

Hon. W. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg leave to report that we have this day completed the count of the silver dollars that were stored in Vault C. Every piece has been counted by hand and the contents of each bag weighed. The result is as follows:

Perfect pieces,		47,788,104.
Rusty	"	2,211,000.
Short	"	896.
		$50,000,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

G. H. Johnston,
2029 Fremont Ave,
Minneapolis, Minn.
26 April 1897.

Addressed to the D. of the Mint.

Asks for pamphlet entitled "The Monetary Legislation and Currency Systems," &c. &c.

MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
RECEIVED
APR 30 1897

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.
April 30, 1897.
Respectfully forwarded to
the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

April 30, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed the Coiner's Report for the month of April 1897.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

No. 225

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia,

April 30, 97

Director [illegible]

Sir:

[illegible] and count at the close of business [illegible]

30th April, 1897, I found the [illegible]

hand [illegible] to be as follows:

Gold [illegible]	$
Gold	$33,031,960.00
Silver [illegible]	
Silver	66,016,673.17
Curr[illegible]	119,682.79
Minor [illegible]	57,895.00
	99,226,210.96

Herman Kretz

Superintendent

(Ed. 9-5-'96—500.)

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 1, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I can handle the old subsidiary silver to be shipped here for recoinage to a better advantage now than later. Is there any way by which we can expedite the shipment of it here.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 1st, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 59 of $8,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office,

May 3, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 88 of $100,000.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kretz

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 3, 1897.

The Superintendent of the Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, California:

Sir-

I beg to inform you that in completion of instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 14th instant I have this day sent you by United States Express Co. dies as follows, viz:

Five (5) Standard Dollars, Obv. Nos. 51, 52, 53, 54, 55.
Three (3) " " Rev. Nos. 51, 52, 53.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 3, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that in completion of your instructions of the 14th instant I have this day sent by United States Express to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco dies as follows, viz:

Five (5) Standard Dollars, Obv. Nos. 51, 52, 53, 54, 55.
Three (3) " " Rev. Nos. 51, 52, 53.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 3, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Anticipating an expenditure during the current month of, say, $3,200, more than usual, incidental to the removal to and storage in the vaults of the Post Office building in this city of 8,000,000 standard silver dollars, I have made requisition for that sum on account of the appropriation for Storage Silver Bullion Act July 14th, 1890, and await your favorable action.

The balance in my hands at present will be sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses on account of the above named appropriation for the present month.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

U. S. MINT SERVICE.
Form No. 505.

Mint of the United States.

Office of the Supt.

Philada May 3d 1897

To the Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

To enable me to meet the expenditures for the month ending May 31st, 1897, on account of the appropriations made for the support of this institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, it is requested that you cause a requisition to be made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the following amounts, with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated Feby 10th 1896, viz.

Salaries,	$ 3.500.–
Wages of Workmen,	$ 30.000.–
Contingent Expenses,	$
Portg & Refg Bullion Effs	$ 2.500.–
Storage Sil: Bullion " act 90	$ 3.200.–
Total,	$ 39.200.–

Respectfully yours,

Herman Kretz
Supt.

(Sd. 5-2-35 - 1,000)

MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
RECEIVED
MAY 3 1897

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
May 3, 1897.

Respectfully returned to Mr. J. P. Moline, Asst. Treasurer of the U. S., with the information that the apparent balance of $18.22 represents an outstanding check issued for Silver Bullion purchased under Act July 14, 1890, for which C. C. Bosbyshell late Superintendent obtained a receipt from the seller, though not reported as paid by the Asst. Treasurer N. Y.

Said receipt having been accepted by the Accounting Officers at Washington, D. C. in settlement of his accounts, the balance standing to his credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S., N. Y. after purchases made under said Act were settled for by checks on him, was deposited in U. S. Treasury per C/D #2405, Dec. 4, 1893, Asst. Treasurer U. S., N. Y. $329,699.39.

Superintendent.

Letter:

Ella J. Weston,
111 Jacob street,
Boston, Mass.
5 May 1897.

Encloses piece of $1 currency note.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
May 4, 1897.

Respectfully referred with fragment of a $1. Government note to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Boston and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,
May 4, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 60 of $14,000 and two (2) half eagles from No. 80 of $20,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 5th 97

Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir

Enclosed please find duplicate bills for repairs to three (3) Printing boards for the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, charging our cost for labor and materials, six dollars Nineteen dollars and twenty four cents ($19.24/100) By Authority of the Director of the Mint dated Washington D.C. March 31st 1897.

Very Respectfully
Herman Kuhn
Superintendent

Mar L

May 5th 1857

The Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. Phila Dr

Repairing Three (3) Counting Boards		
Five (5) Days Labor @ $3.00 per day	15	00
Seven (7) Pounds Sand Brass Strips 22¢ per lb	1	54
Six (10) Feet Selected Cherry Lumber 18¢ p. ft	1	80
Three (3) Pairs Brass Hinges @ 30 Ea		90
	$	19.24

Received Payment
Hezekiah Kirk
Superintendent

Authority of the Director of the Mint
dated Washington D.C. March 31st 1857

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 5, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 90 of $130,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Record

of

Coins received for
Annual Assay and
of Deliveries
for
the month of
April, 1897.

Forwarded
5th May 1897

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 5, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your telegram of this day I have just sent you by the United States Express Co. two pounds of pure lead.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office,

May 5, 1897.

Hon. D. K. Tuttle,

Melter & Refiner.

Sir:

You will please dellver to Joseph Wharton, Attorney for the Scovill Manufacturing Co., Waterbury, Conn. the minor coinage re-coinage metal melted to-date, in your hands, viz:

		Avd. lbs.	Troy ozs.
Old copper cent meltings,		179	2,610.42
Bronze 1 & 2¢	"	6,167	89,935.42
Nickel 1¢	"	845	12,322.92
Nickel 3¢	"	129	1,881.25
Nickel 5¢	"	7,858	114,595.83
	Total,	15,178	221,345.84

which is to be re-worked and converted into bronze one cent, and nickel five cent blanks of legal weight and returned to you by the Scovill Manufacturing Co., pound for pound.

4-711/1000 avd. lbs. each of tin and zinc and 146-467/1000 avd. lbs. of pure nickel will be added to the old copper cent and nickel cent meltings, respectively, to convert the same into bronze one cent and nickel five cent alloys.

The amount to be delivered you by the said Company after re-working to be as follows; viz:

	Avd. lbs.	Troy ozs.
Bronze one cent blanks,	6,355.422	92,683.24
Nickel five cent blanks,	8,978.467	130,935.97
Total,	15,333.889	223,619.21

Very respectfully,

Herman Kretz

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 6, 1897

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have been anxiously looking all day for the Costa Rican Minister. The coin has been ready for shipment for several days. If it has not been done will you have Messrs Lazard Freres deposit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York $279,211.54, which amount equals the bullion furnished for the coining of the Ten Colones gold pieces instead of $279,291.81, and forward a check for $1,038.46 to cover the expenses incident to the coining of the 40,000 Ten Colones gold pieces.

We figured the gold at $18.61 per standard ounce and should have figured it at $18.60-46/100.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kretz

Superintendent.

Letter:

A. F. Pierce,
Kansas City, Mo.
May 4th 1897.

Addressed to the D.
of the M.

Asks for statistics
about money coined
or bar gold shipped &c.

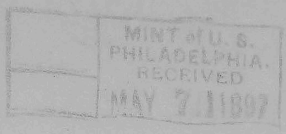
MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
RECEIVED
MAY 7 1897

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
May 7, 1897.
Respectfully forwarded to
the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letter.

Forest County National Bank,
6th May 1897.
Tionesta, Penn'a.
Ask for $5000 in standard
silver dollars.



Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Pa.,
May 7, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the Treasurer of the United States with draft No. 1196, drawn by the Forest County National Bank on the Importers & Traders National Bank of New York for $5000, duly endorsed, and will be advised.

Superintendent.

F.M.S.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 7th, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Dir:

I have the honor to forward you by to-days mail, My Salaries, Wages of Workmen and Adjusters, Incidental & Contingent, Refining, Coinage and Storage of Silver Bullion Act July 14th 1890, expenses Accounts, for the Month of April, 1897, with Abstract Sheets and Vouchers pertaining thereto.

Authority for John F. Forst, Treasurer, to receipt for Commercial Ice Company; M. P. Rush, President, to receipt for Specialty Soap Manf'g. Co, and Joseph McGlathery, Treasurer, to receipt for The American Aromatic Disinfecting Co, Accompanies the Vouchers

Very respectfully,

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 8, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 6th instant and your telegrams of the 7th instant relative to the Costa Rican gold coinage of Ten Colones pieces, I beg to state that as the value of the 60,000 pieces as originally given you was in excess $60.27, based on the standard weight of such coins, and as the deposit $279,291.81 in gold had been made with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S., New York, by Lazard Freres for the Costa Rica Government before correction could be made, the number of pieces and weight of the said coinage were increased to equal in value the amount deposited by the Costa Rica Government, to pay for the bullion contained in such coinage, viz:

From 60,000 pieces weighing 15,007.62 Troy Standard ounces, value $279,291.81 (in excess $60.27) to 60,017 pieces weighing 15,011.368 Standard Troy ounces, value $279,291.81.

No additional charges were collected as per your instructions and consequently the telegraphic request of the Treasurer of the United States, in that regard was not complied with.

Will you kindly call Mr. Meline's attention to this.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 10, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 93 of $86,400.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 10, 1897.

The Supervising Architect,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 24th ultimo I beg to enclose herewith a report which contains the information you desire.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 11, 1897.

The Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
New York:

Sir-

In reply to your letter of yesterday the 10th instant I beg to inform you that standard silver dollar therein enclosed and herewith returned is genuine. The coin has been "stretched" or pressed. Except in dimensions it answers all the tests.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

May 11, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 61 of $6,000 and two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 94 of $100,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mac L

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 11th, 1897

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Sir

I will thank you to grant authority to purchase from the Scovill Manufacturing Co Waterbury Conn, Nickel. Tin, and Zinc alloy for re-coinage of minor coins, viz.

146. 467/1000	lbs	Nickel	40¢	$58.58
4. 711/1000	"	Tin	13¢	.61
4. 711/1000	"	Zinc	4¢	.19
				$59.38

Very Respectfully
Herman Kuetz
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 12, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 95 of $150,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office,

May 17, 1897.

E. P. Baldwin, Esq.,
Auditor for the Treasury Department:

Sir-

In answer to your letter (H. L. M.) of the 14th instant by R. M. Conner, Esq., Deputy Auditor, received this morning, I beg to inform you that as Custodian I made report on the 4th September 1896 of the sale in question to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. The articles were regarded as fixtures, and were sold under instructions from the Supervising Architect dated 4th August 1896, and the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (P. S. F.) dated 1st September 1896.

I also forwarded an account of the sale to the Director of the Mint on the 11th September 1896, a copy of which is enclosed.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 17, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 98 of $80,000.

very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office.

May 17, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is desirable that all minor coin received at this Mint for recoinage during the current fiscal year be counted, melted and converted into blanks before its close, and as it will require approximately from three to four weeks to complete such operations; I beg to request that you will cause further shipments of such coin to be discontinued until after July 1st, proximo, unless it is imperatively necessary that such shipments be made.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

L. M. Coughenour,
74 Starling Street,
Columbus, Ohio.
15th May 1897.

Asking for "your Report of the U. S. Mint for 1896."

Addressed to the D. of the Mint, and forwarded.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
May 18, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 18, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE
Treasury Department
Washington

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 62 of $10,000 and two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 99 of $170,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 18, 1897.

Hon. H. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Melter and Refiner and Coiner have on hand a quantity of silver dollar ingots and blanks sufficient to coin approximately $600,000; and to avoid the loss that would necessarily occur if such stock was remelted, I beg to request authority to coin $600,000, in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 19, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 100 of $90,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 19, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half eagles from delivery No. 100 of $90,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 19, 1897.

Hon. M. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 18th instant I have this day sent you by the United States Company, five pounds of specially prepared (granulated) and two pounds of pure sheet lead, both absolutely pure.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 20, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from Delivery No. 63 of $16,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 20, 1897.

Hon. Frank A. Vanderlip,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant I have the honor to inform you that such general action as intimated in Mr. Brown's letter is impracticable, as no vacancies exist. Should any, however, occur, I will take up the reinstatement of the soldiers individually, as far as permitted by the Civil Service Regulations, and the soldier, everything being equal shall have the preference. On examining the records of this institution I fail to find where a single soldier or any other person was dismissed to take effect on Memorial Day. A dismissal, of course, could not be served on that day as it was a legal holiday and this institution was closed.

The wishes of the Secretary will, however, in this as well as in other matters be carried out with promptness and pleasure.

In accordance with the Secretary's suggestions while I was in Washington a week ago, I am now preparing to report more fully on the subject.

The fact is the five claimed soldiers were dismissed as follows, viz:

Geo. Bakeoven, Notice April 23rd, to take effect April 30, 1894.

Geo. W. Brown, Notice Wednesday May 29th, to take effect June 5th, 1894.

John L. Graham, Notice Wednesday May 29th, to take effect June 5th, 1894.

Wm. Wise, Notice Wednesday May 29th, to take effect June 5th, 1894, and

Henry J. Cooper, August 11, 1894.

Papers and photograph returned as per your request.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 20, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I will be obliged if you will send me at your earliest convenience five thousand so called coin bags of which the enclosed is a sample.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Report.

Gold and silver bars manufactured.

Deposits and purchases of uncurrent gold and silver coin of the United States.

Deposits and purchases of gold and silver.

Gold and silver of domestic production deposited,

For the month of April, 1877.

Forwarded to the Director of the Mint, 21 May, 1877.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 21, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant which encloses paper endorsed "Protest and appeal of sixty veterans dismissed from Philadelphia Mint Jno. C. Hunterson et al" addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, herewith returned, I beg to inform you that for what took place in this institution prior to my induction into office on the first day of June 1895, I am in no wise responsible. You are fully aware that as Chief of the Division of Appointments I had nothing to do with the dismissals or appointments in the Philadelphia Mint, they, being made by the Superintendent and approved by the Director of the Mint. My favor or disapproval could in no wise affect them.

While it is true that sixty-eight ex-soldiers were dismissed by the late Superintendent, Eugene Townsend, Esq., during his incumbency, and while the petitioners charge in their communication to the Secretary of the Treasury that "thirty-two of our number were dismissed on Memorial Day, May 30, 1894," the records of this Mint do not show a single dismissal on that date. Dismissals were made during the latter part of the month of May to take effect in June.

While it appears from the records that Ex-Superintendent Townsend discharged sixty-eight, and Ex-Superintendent Bosbyshell fifty-three ex-soldiers, I have requested the resignation of but one, on the recommendation of his superior operative officer.

Out of less than three hundred male employes there are forty-two veterans in this institution, drawing a total compensation of $47,805.85, out of an appropriation of $285,000., for salaries, wages, &c., certainly a fair and liberal proportion of the whole expense, and I venture to say that the proportion of ex-union soldiers in the Mint is larger than that in any other department in Philadelphia, City, State or Federal.

Since my incumbency here only three applications for reinstatement by ex-soldiers have been made personally to me, one of whom I appointed, and seven others sent their applications to the Department at Washington, which applications have been referred to this office.

An effort to make it appear that I am unfriendly to the veteran or not in sympathy with his proper efforts to better his condition by appointment to public office or otherwise, is in the highest degree unjust and without foundation. I was a soldier myself with an honorable record and could have no reason to be unjust to those who with me stood in defense of the Union in the late War.

I beg to say in case of vacancies or increase of force, everything being equal the soldier will always have the preference.

It is too well known to need repetition that this great

institution is largely if not exclusively devoted to manufacturing purposes of the highest importance, and that the interests of the Government depend upon efficient service. It is, therefore, fair to submit that to positions which require abilities of a high order, both mentally and physically, none should be appointed except those who can stand the test of efficiency. Any other theory would transform it from a business concern of national importance, into an establishment where favoritism, sentiment and sympathy for various reasons, some of them no doubt excellent in themselves but not calculated to promote efficiency, would be the rule.

List of ex-soldiers employed in the Mint and their compensation, also lists of those dismissed by Ex-Superintendents Boshyshell and Townsend enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

Herman Kretz

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 22, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 64 of $22,000 and two (2) quarter eagles from delivery No. 102 of $25,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Superintendent's Office.

May 24, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 65 of $24,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

F.H.T.

May 21st, 1897.

D. K. Tuttle, Esq.,
Melter & Refiner

Sir:

You will please deliver to Joseph Wharton, Attorney for the Scovill Manufacturing Co., Waterbury, Conn., the Minor Coinage recoinage metal melted to date, in your hands, viz:-

	Ard. lbs	Troy Ozs.
Old Copper Cent meltings	11	160.42
Bronze 1 & 2¢ "	456	6,650.—
Nickel 1¢ "	157	2,289.58
Nickel 3¢ "	8.50	128.96
Nickel 5¢ "	18,896.—	275,560.66
Total	19,528.50	284,790.62

which is to be reworked and converted into bronze one cent and nickel five cent blanks of

legal weight and returned to you by the Scovill Manfg. Co, pound for pound.

2895/10000 Avd. lbs each of tin and zinc and 27.213/1000 Avd. lbs of pure nickel will be added to the old copper cent and nickel cent melting respectively to convert the same into bronze one cent and nickel five cent alloys.

The amount to be delivered to you by the said Company after recoining to be as follows, Viz:

	Avd. lbs.	Troy ozs
Bronze one cent blanks	467.579	6.818.86
Nickel five cent blanks	19.088.713	278.377.06
Total	19.556.292	285.195.92

Respectfully Yours,

(signed) Herman Kretz

Superintendent.

Mail

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Superintendent's Office.

Hon R. E. Preston May 24th 1877

Director of the Mint

Washington D C

Sir

I will thank you to grant authority to purchase Tn. (2) Schenk's swinging fire hose reels, with valve attachments, couplings & Hose pipes, and one hundred feet of 1½" Twilled Cotton rubber lined hose, in amount seventy three dollars and sixty cents ($73.60). Also, 300 feet 1½" "Eureka" brand, Cotton rubber lined fire hose, and six (6) pairs of couplings, in amount sixty nine dollars and ninety cents ($69.90).

Very Respectfully

Herman Kerr

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 25, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 66 of $12,000 and two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 67 of $30,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 25, 1897.

Assistant Treasurer of the U. S.,

New York City, New York.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed a statement of the count of the Uncurrent Fractional Silver sent here from your office, and the tags of the bags that were short and over. Kindly remit the 25¢ to cover shortage.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 26, 1897.

Assistant Treasurer of the U. S.,
New York City, New York.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed a statement of the count of the Uncurrent Fractional Silver sent here from your office, and the tags of the bags that were short and over. Kindly remit the 25¢ to cover shortage.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 25, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Departme.
Washingto., D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) eagles from delivery No. 103 of $370,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Mac L Superintendent's Office.

May 26th 1897

To the Supervising Architect
Treasury Department
Washington D.C.

Sir

In accordance with instructions contained in circular letter of your office under date of May 1st 1897. I beg to report the following. It will be required to clean the boilers and the conducting flue to the stack and the base of same, at a cost in amount twenty five dollars ($25.00). To perform this labor it will be necessary to employ outside men, as the regular firemen are employed daily throughout the year, and during the time of "shutting down" June 30/97 an interval of two weeks it is the only opportunity offered

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Superintendent's Office,

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the men the vacation as allowed by the regulations.

It is also necessary to inspect the boilers, and must recommend that the inspection be made by the City authorities under the supervision of the "Bureau of Inspection of Boilers Connecticut, and in accordance with state law, and the ordinance of the City, regulating the same, and the cost of same in accordance [illegible]

It is also recommended that a change should be made in the working parts of the "Worthington" Pumps employed in filling the boilers and exhausting the water as follows. Changing the Pumps from a solid piston to a packing piston [illegible]

S. A. 3.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

amount Twenty five dollars and sixty cents ($25 60/100), and Eight (8) valve seats and Eight 8 valves at a cost in amount fifteen dollars and fifty cents $15 50/100. The valves on the steam radiators all over the building are out of order and as no material is required, this work will be performed by the gas fitter employed and on the roll of the Mint, without extra compensation or allowance.

Summary of Expense. Cleaning Boilers. Stack Etc	$25 00
Change in Pumps and [illegible]	41 10
Inspection of Boilers	21 00
Total Expense	$87.10

Very Respectfully
Herman Kurz
Custodian

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 20th 1897

Mr Herman Kretz
Superintendent

Dear Sir

I beg leave to make the following report of Heating apparatus in this building the boilers will only need cleaning. the flue & back of Stack must be cleaned cost about $25.00. the tank Pump should be changed from solid Piston to a packing Piston, my Sewer Pump must have 8 new Valve & Seats both Pumps to cost $4.10. the Valves on Radiators all over building are in bad shap but can be fixed by our Plumber, all new joints to be made can be done by our own men

Your Very Respectfully
John P. Richards
Chief Engineer

Postal card.

John P. Houston,
307 Crescent Street.
Harrisburg, Penn'a.
24 May 1897.
Addressed to the Director of the Mint.

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Asks for the Report of Director of Mint 1895.

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Forwarded to the Director 25th May 1897.

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The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

27th May 1897

Hon. D. L. Spaulding,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir -

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter (B) of yesterday the 26th instant, and to inform you that I have sent the papers therein enclosed to The City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company, 927 Chestnut street, this city, my surety, which will no doubt arrange the matter to your entire satisfaction.

Very respectfully,

George R. Snowden,
Chief Clerk.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
May 27, 1897.
Respectfully forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letter.

Arthur G. Williams,
Francis Street,
Brookline, Mass.
26 May 1897.

Asks for "a copy of your last report - to June 1896."

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 27, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) dimes from delivery No. 68 of $12,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 27, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that this institution will be closed Saturday May 29th, Memorial Day in this State. Will you kindly advise the United States Treasurer of the fact.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Mac L Superintendent's Office.

May 27th 7

Hon R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

I will thank you to recommend to the Supervising Architect of the Department, the purchase of an Iron grating door, for the front of the rotunda. a door similar to those in use at the Department building. This door is needed badly during the warm weather and relieve the heavy atmosphere by circulation of fresh air, and the general ventilating of the building.

Very Respectfully
Herman Kurtz
Superintendent

Mack

May 27th 7

Hon. R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Sir

I will thank you to grant authority to purchase from the Sewell Manufacturing Company Waterbury Conn. Nickel. Tin & Zinc alloy. for the re-coinage of minor coins, namely.

0.2895 lbs Tin @ .13¢ lb		.04
0.2895 lbs Zinc @ .04¢ lb		.01
27.213 lbs Nickel @ .40¢ lb		10.88
In amount		$10.93

Very Respectfully

Herman Kuhn

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

May 27, 1897.

To the Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In answer to your letter (S. F.) of yesterday the 26th instant I beg to inform you that I have this day as requested deposited with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this city, six dollars and sixty-six cents, ($6.66) proceeds of $14.75 in uncurrent silver coin received from you by registered mail, notifying that official of your desire in regard to transfer account and sending the usual certificate to you.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 28, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
Treasury Department
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 69 of $36,000 and two (2) eagles from delivery No. 104 of $120,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

28th May 1857

Hon. O. L. Spaulding,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir-

I have the honor to enclose herewith the affidavit of my surety, The City Trust, Safe Deposit Company, which I have no doubt meets the suggestions of your letter (B) of the 26th instant.

Very respectfully
George R. Snowden,
Chief Clerk.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 28, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

As the demand for nickel coin is still heavy and my stock of blanks available for that coinage is at present limited, I beg to request authority to purchase five thousand (5,000) pounds additional of five cent nickel blanks.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

MINT of U. S.
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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 31, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to
the Director of the Mint.

Superintendent.

Letter.

John P. Hoverter,
Harrisburg, Penna.

28 May 1897.

Asks for Report of
Dr of M. for 1897.

Addressed to the
Dr. of the M.

MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
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MAY 31 1897

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.

May 31, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded with draft No. 1870 drawn by the Cape Ann National Bank of Gloucester, Mass. on the National Park Bank of New York for $100, duly endorsed, to the Treasurer of the United States, and writer so advised.

Superintendent.

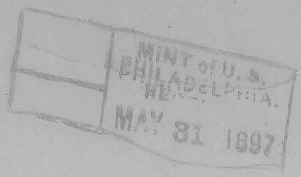
Letter.

Cape Ann Nat'l Bank of Gloucester, Mass.

28th May 1897.

Asks for 100 new silver dollars.

MINT of U.S.
PHILADELPHIA.
REC'D
MAY 31 1897



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.

May 31, 1897.

Respectfully referred with draft No. 4446 on the Farmers and Merchants Bank of this city for $250. duly endorsed, to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States and writer so advised.

[signature]

Superintendent.

Letter:

Wayne Coy Sugs. Bk.,
Honesdale, Penna.
27th May 1897.

H. C. Hand, Cashier,
Asks for $250 in
new dimes.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 31, 1897.

To the Treasurer of the U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to report the result of the count of the uncurrent fractional silver coin sent here from your office as follows:

Transfer Order.

#31608,	two bags	1 piece	over each,	(10¢)	.20	
#31616	" "	1 "	short "	(10¢)		.20
"	" "	2 "	" "	(25¢)		.50
	One "	10 "	"	(25¢)		2.50
	" "	2 "	over	(25¢)	.50	
	" "	1 "	"	(10¢)	.10	
					$ .80	$3.20
						.80
				Total Shortage,		$2.40

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

I enclose you the tags of the bags that were short and over, shall I credit you with the net amount or will you remit the $2.40, to cover shortage?

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,
May 31, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 70 of $10,000 and two (2) eagles from delivery No. 108 of $150,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

May 31, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I herein transmit the Report of the Coiner for the month of May 1897.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Form No. 225.

Mint of the [illegible]

Philadelphia,
May 31 97

31st May 97

25.736.380.00

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65.030.00

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Herman Kretz
Superintendent

Letter.
Hally Thompson,
Stafford, Mo.
28 May 1897.

Addressed to the
D. of the M.

Asks for "circular
No. 123."

MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
RECEIVED
JUN 1 1897

Mint of the United States,
Philada., Pa.,
June 1, 1897.

Respectfully forwarded to
the Director of the Mint.

Hermann Kretz
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

June 1st, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
Treasury Department
Washington

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) half dollars from delivery No. 71 of $7,000; two (2) dimes from delivery No. 32 of $5,000 and two (2) eagles from delivery No. 108 of $251,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office

Mack

June 1st 1897

Hon R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint

Washington D C

Sir

I will thank you to make an exigency requisition on the Public Printer for two thousand (2000) blanks designated "United States Mint Service No 274" copy of which is mailed herewith, for the use of the Coining Department. This is an absolute and unavoidable necessity.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office.

June 2, 1897.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Treasury Department,
Washington.

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith enclosed two (2) quarter dollars from delivery No. 73 of $19,000.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

June 2, 1897.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith the following bids received for one hundred and thirty barrels Melter & Refiner's sweeps, offered for sale on the 27th ultimo, containing 529.695 standard ounces of gold and 2,218.42 standard ounces of silver, viz:

From Chicago & Aurora S & R Co.,	Chicago, Ill.	$9,700.00
" Glorieux & Woolsey,	Irvington, N. J.	9,475.00
" Sutphen & Logan,	Albany, N. Y.	9,200.00
" Balbach S & R Co.,	Newark, N. J.	9,145.01
" A. M. Brinckle,	Philadelphia, Pa.	8,823.61
" M. Wollstein,	N. Y.	8,823.61

With your approval I will make the award to the Chicago and Aurora S & R Co., they being the highest bidders.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

U. S. Mint Service,
Form No. 565.

Mint of the United States,

Office of the Supt.

Phil June 2d 1897

To the Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

To enable me to meet the expenditures for the month ending June 30th 1897, on account of the appropriations made for the support of this institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, it is requested that you cause a requisition to be made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the following amounts, with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated Feby 10th 1896 viz:

Salaries,	$ 1.550.–
Wages of Workmen,	$ 25.000.–
Contingent Expenses,	$ 5.000.–
Postage & Refg "	$ 4.000.–
Storage Gil Bullion & Ass'o Effec	$ 1.500.–
Total,	$ 37.050.–

Respectfully yours,

Herman Kuhn

Supt.

(Ed. 5-2-95—1,000.)

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Superintendent's Office,

June 3, 1897.

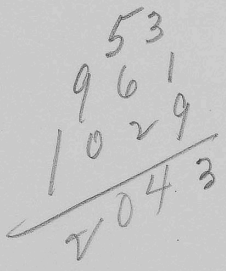
Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
Philadelphia:

Sir-

In reply to your letter of yesterday the 2nd instant I beg to inform you that the silver half dollar therein enclosed and herewith returned is found on examination although light in weight, to be genuine.

Yours respectfully,

Superintendent.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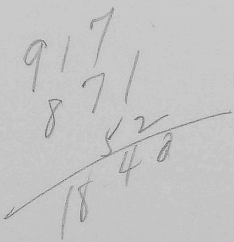
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